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CLARENCE MacLEOD PITTS
GRAND Z
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FRED. J. JOHNSON
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TORONTO-ONTARIO

CLARENCE MacLEOD PITTS

Grand First Principal Z.

Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts was born May 5, 1894, at Fredericton, New Brunswick, the son of Herman H. Pitts and Alexandrina Stirling MacLeod. He moved to Ottawa in the year 1903. He received his early education at the Fredericton Model and the Ottawa Public Schools. He attended the Ottawa Lisgar Collegiate Institute and McGill University, Montreal, from which he graduated in 1914 with the degree of B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. Companion Pitts was married to Elsie Georgina King in 1933.

He had an active association in all branches of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, including the local Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly, a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Representative Elder, and Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-three years. He is Chairman of the Pension Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and a Past Chairman of the General Board of Administration, as well as a member of several other Boards and Committees.

In Civic life he is Chairman of the Trustees of the Ottawa Charitable Foundation.

Having graduated in Engineering, he practised his profession on construction works in Montreal, Que., Halifax, N.S., and Hawkesbury, Ontario.

Later he joined with his father in the operation of several companies, but chiefly the People's Gas Supply Co. Limited, Ottawa, manufacturing and distributing compressed gases, welding equipment and supplies, of which company he is now President and General Manager.

During the First Great War, he was attached to the 2nd Battery, C.F.A., and attended the Royal School of Artillery, Halifax, and later joining the 10th Siege Battery, C.E.F., stationed at Halifax, with the rank of Lieutenant.

MASONIC

He was initiated, passed and raised in Hawkesbury Lodge No. 450 in the year 1917, affiliating with Dalhousie Lodge No. 52, Ottawa, in 1920, was the Worshipful Master for two years, 1928-1929, and 1939-1940, and was D.D.G.M. of Ottawa District 1940-1941. He has been a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the past six years, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead for three years, and Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry for two years. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

He was exalted in Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Royal Arch Masons, in 1929, and was their First Principal Z. in 1943; elected as Grand Scribe N. of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in 1944, elected Grand Third Principal J. in 1945 - 1946, Grand Second Principal H. in 1947 - 1948, and finally elected Grand First Principal Z. in 1949. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

He is a life member of Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, of Murray Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, of Moore Consistory, Hamilton, Ontario, and Active Member of The Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada; Grand Marshall of the Supreme Council and Chairman on the General State of the Rite; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; a member of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario, Ottawa Preceptory No. 32, and Presiding Preceptor in 1946; Past Sovereign Holyland Conclave No. 3, Toronto, Ontario, of the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S., and St. John the Evangelist.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario; Past Chairman, Ottawa Branch Engineering Institute of Canada; Director, International Acetylene Association, U.S.A. and Canada; Past President, Compressed Gas Association Inc.; Canadian Chamber of Commerce; Ottawa Board of Trade; Canadian Manufacturers' Association; National Fire Protection Association; Executive Member of the Canadian General Council Boy Scouts Association, also a member of Provincial Council of Ontario, and the Ottawa District Council.

CLUBS

A member of Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, Ontario; Seigniory Club, P.Q.; Scottish Rite Club of Hamilton, Ontario; and Chemists Club, New York.

Most Ex. Comp. Pitts assumes the Presiding Officer's chair with a great Masonic knowledge and experience as an Executive Officer.

CLARENCE MacLEOD PITTS
Ottawa - Ontario
Most Excellent Grand Z.
1949-50

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AN ESPECIAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, PARKHILL, ONTARIO, ON MONDAY THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 1949, A. INV. 2479.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp J. A. M. Taylor ..... Grand J.
} Grand Council

R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. Richard Wilson ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. J. L. House ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Joe Carson ..... Grand Prin. Soj.

Comp. A. Folmer ..... as Grand Sr. Soj.
Comp. A. Cavanagh ..... as Grand Jr. Soj.
Comp. J. F. Hodgins ..... as Grand Organist
R. Ex. Comp. W. Bailie Stothers ..... Grand Supt.
Comp. McGregor ..... as Grand Outer Guard

and the following assisting:
R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Nunn
Ex. Comp. J. C. Dawson
Comp. J. A. Gibbs.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.45 P.M. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of Dedicating the Chapter Room for Minnewawa Chapter No. 78 Royal Arch Masons of Parkhill Ontario.

The Ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.30 P.M.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

THE NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE KING EDWARD HOTEL, TORONTO, ONTARIO ON APRIL 26th AND 27th, 1950.

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. Alexander George Noel Bradshaw ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. John Alexander McDonald Taylor..... Grand J.
} Grand Council

PAST GRAND Zs.

Most Ex. Comps. LLewellyn F. Stephens, John M. Burden, Reginald V. E. Conover, Frederick W. Dean, Roderick B. Dargavel.

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C. ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. V. Rev. Charles H. MacDonald ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. Richard Wilson ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. Stewart Campbell ..... Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. William E. Pomeroy ..... Grand Junior Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Frederick N. Heuchan ..... Grand Registrar
R. Ex. Comp. William S. M. Enouy ..... Grand Lecturer
V. Ex. Comp. Rev. Alexander J. Wilson ..... Asst. Grand Chaplain
V. Ex. Comp. Charles G. Dowdall ..... Grand Sword Bearer
V. Ex. Comp. Maxine P. Littner ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. Harold Perkins ..... Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. Ex. Comp. Robert A. Boddy ..... Grand Organist
V. Ex. Comp. William S. Lavery ..... Grand Pursuivant

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Harold M. Roach	St. Clair	District	No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. John H. Teasell	London	"	" 2
R. Ex. Comp. Willard Butler	Wilson	"	" 3
R. Ex. Comp. Edward V. MacCormack	Wellington	"	" 4
R. Ex. Comp. John H. Lee	Hamilton	"	" 5
R. Ex. Comp. William H. Roope	Huron	"	" 6
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas R. Jackson	Niagara	"	" 7
R. Ex. Comp. Leith L. Querie	Toronto East	"	" 8
R. Ex. Comp. Orton T. Walker	Toronto West	"	" 8a
R. Ex. Comp. William H. Work	Georgian	"	" 9
R. Ex. Comp. Walker H. Inch	Ontario	"	" 10
R. Ex. Comp. Maitland, Roy Anderson	Prince Edward	"	" 11
R. Ex. Comp. Cecil D. Beckett	St. Lawrence	"	" 12
R. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid, acting	Ottawa	"	" 13
R. Ex. Comp. Charles E. Letman, acting	Algoma	"	" 14
R. Ex. Comp. Percival A. Coates	New Ontario	"	" 15

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Ninety-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at ten o'clock a.m.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies V. Ex. Comp. M. P. Littner.

ALBERTA

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
Most Ex. Comp. J. L. Innes, Grand Z.

QUEBEC

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.
Most Ex. Comp. Archie Dyson, Grand Z.
Most Ex. Comp. Walter W. Williamson P.G.Z. & Grand S.E.

CONNECTICUT

Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut
Most Ex. Comp. James W. Burhoe, Grand High Priest.

MASSACHUSETTS

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts
Most Ex. Comp. William F. Clark, Grand High Priest
Most Ex. Comp. Ralph W. Copeland, P. Grand High Priest.

MICHIGAN

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan
Most Ex. Comp. J. Fairbairn Smith, Past Grand High Priest, Representing M. Ex. Comp. Richard W. Lewis, G.H.P.
Most Ex. Comp. Roy Andrus P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK

The Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons
Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert L. Donovan, Deputy Grand High Priest.
Representing M. Ex. Comp. A. Elmo Cole, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. Frank Lobee, Past Grand High Priest.
R. Ex. Comp. Clifford A. McDonald, Our Grand Representative near the State of New York.

OHIO

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio
Most Ex. Comp. Amos H. Englebeck, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. James A. Gorham, Past Grand High Priest.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania
Most Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Miller, Grand High Priest.
Right Ex. Comp. John C. F. Kitselman, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia.
Most Ex. Comp. Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, Grand High Priest.

WISCONSIN

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Wisconsin
Rt. Ex. Comp. Oscar E. Peterson, Our Grand Representative near the State of Wisconsin.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ONTARIO

Most Ill. Comp. William Stokes, Grand Master.

THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF ONTARIO

Rt. Ex. Comp. Rev. A. S. H. Cree, President.

THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA OF THE UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND MALTA

Most Em. Sir Knight and Rt. Ex. Comp. John H. Eydt, Grand Master.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Most Wor. Bro. and Comp. James P. Maher, Grand Master.
Rt. Wor. Bro. and Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary.

Grand Honours were then given and an address of welcome was extended by Most Ex. Comp. Clarence McL. Pitts on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

The delegates joined in singing the Hymn—

"O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST,"

The Grand Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. Very Rev. Charles H. MacDonald, offered the Invocation:

Followed by a

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Companions joined in singing two verses of "Abide With Me."

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R. Ex. Comp. Very Rev. Charles H. MacDonald.

The delegates then joined in singing the National Anthem:

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

and

"MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE"

One minute silence was then observed.

PRESENTATION OF LIVING PAST GRAND Z's.

The Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. Ex. Comp. M. P. Littner to present the living Past Grand Zs. The following were present:

M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., Grand Z., 1939-1940-1942.
M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel, Hon. Grand Z., 1941.
M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C., Grand Z., 1943-1944.
M. Ex. Comp. Col. Reginald V. E. Conover, O.B.E., Grand Z., 1945-1946.
M. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. Dean, Grand Z., 1947-1948.

Most Ex. Comp. Pitts extended a welcome, after which Grand Honours were accorded and the welcome was acknowledged by Most Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel.

TORONTO DISTRICTS 8 & 8A EXTEND WELCOME

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

On this occasion the Ninety-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, meeting to review the progress of our Royal Craft during the past year, and to legislate for its future welfare and guidance, we the Excellent First Principals on behalf of the Chapters of Toronto, Districts Number 8 and 8A, extend to you a sincere and hearty welcome.

A further most cordial welcome is extended to the Distinguished Guests from other Grand Bodies in Masonry, especially those representatives from the Grand Chapters in the United States, and we trust that their sojourn with us will be both profitable and pleasurable.

The great loss in the passing of Most Excellent Companions Walter G. Price, Grand Treasurer, and Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E, has added to you, as Grand Z, greater responsibility. Your wisdom in the Elections you made to fill these vacancies, is evidence of the splendid contribution and leadership you are giving to Royal Arch Masonry. The knowledge and experience gained from your

many contacts in other branches of masonry, your devotion to your Church and Community, all have combined to attain the outstanding success with which you are directing the affairs of our Royal Craft in this jurisdiction.

In speaking of the services rendered we are deeply conscious of the many sacrifices you have made in the interest of Capitular Masonry throughout the entire jurisdiction. To express our love and esteem for you as head of this Grand Body, to tell you of our affection, loyalty and admiration, is the purpose of this address. The ideals and visions of our ancient Brethren have been made clearer, and brought nearer by your sound logic and scholarly eloquence. The loyalty of the Craft to its traditional Head is strengthened by the personal attributes which you have brought to grace the Throne, for as Robert Burns has so truly said:—

"The Rank is but the guinea stamp
The man's the Gow'd for a that."

In concluding, may we wish to all,

"That time and care deal lightly with you, and that Light which never faileth will ever lead you on."

Signed on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapters of Toronto Districts, No. 8 and No. 8A.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 8

R. Ex. Comp. Leith Longmore Querie, Grand Superintendent.
Ex. Comp. W. F. Eccles, St. Andrew & St. John Chapter, No. 4, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. LeRoy DeWitt, King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. Ernest Mealing, York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. A. R. Jackson, St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. James Forsythe, Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. J. K. Noble, Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge.
Ex. Comp. W. J. Johnston, The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. J. R. Mason, The Beaches, No. 163, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. C. W. Martin, Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill.
Ex. Comp. Carl R. Kincaid, St. Alban's Chapter, No. 217, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. A. T. Thorpe, Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. Albert C. Welk, Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora.
Ex. Comp. H. S. Biggs, University Chapter, No. 241, Toronto.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT NO. 8A

R. Ex. Comp. Orton Todd Walker, Grand Superintendent.
Ex. Comp. Henry P. Hopkinson, Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. Alfred Greary, Toronto-Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. Charles Wells, Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. Clayton Cheyne, Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton.
Ex. Comp. Manley B. Sigal, Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. F. J. Clarke, Mimico Chapter, No. 215, Mimico.

Ex. Comp. L. J. Colling, Ulster Chapter, No. 219, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. J. G. Beckett, Lebanon Chapter, No. 220, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. William McConnell, Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, Port Credit.
Ex. Comp. D. M. Kerr, The St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. W. M. McKenzie, King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. G. W. Burnett, Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. D. M. Thomson, Humber Chapter, No. 246, Weston.

Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacL. Pitts acknowledged the welcome from the Toronto Districts 8 and 8A and assured the Superintendents that he appreciated their efforts and contribution to Royal Arch Masonry in their Districts, the Grand Z greeted the First Princials of the Chapters present and gave a special greeting to the two District Secretaries.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED OFF"

The Most Excellent, the Grand Z., directed that Grand Chapter be "Called Off" to permit the representative of His Worship the Mayor of the City of Toronto, Alderman Nathan Phillips the opportunity to welcome Grand Chapter and our Distinguished Guests. Comp. Phillips extended a Civic Welcome to all guests and members to the City of Toronto, expressing to all Companions in Ontario the thought that Toronto, the Capital City of Ontario was their city, and to all guests from the United States he expressed the hope that the Democratic principals accepted by both of our countries will remain indissoluble and unalloyed.

Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts acknowledged the kind greetings delivered by Alderman Phillips and asked him to convey the thanks of Grand Chapter and our Guests to His Worship, the Mayor, Hiram McCallum.

Alderman Nathan Phillips retired.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED ON."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS WELCOME

Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, announced:—

"All Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, and properly vouched for, will be made welcome during the Convocation."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, 1949

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Ninety-First Annual Convocation, held in the City of Ottawa, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N.

Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—"That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28, 1949, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded Minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—"That the Order of Business of this Grand Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand Z."

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that there are 155 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 132 Chapters were represented by the following:—

No. 1 *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston*
T. N. Clarke, P.Z. (Proxy); H. A. Milne, L. M. Armstrong, and L. Thomas, P.Z's.

No. 2 *The Hiram, Hamilton*
R. J. Cocks, P.Z. (Proxy); E. B. Davis, Hon. Z., J. H. Forbes, P.Z.

No. 3 *St. John's, London*
J. Pearson, P.Z. (Proxy) ; C. J. Wakefield, Z., E. W. Hall, W. E. Bradt, A. M. Campbell, J. A. Elgie,, Frank Gilbert, W. H. Parker, S. A. Peach, P.Z's.

No. 4 *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto*
W. F. Eccles, Z.; C. W. Slack, V. Mutton, R. N. McElhinney, T. E. Peck, P.Z's.

No. 5 *St George's, London*
Peter Brown, Z.; A. C. Folmer, A. Cavanagh, W. B. Stothers, C. W. Few, P.Z's.

No. 6 *St. John's Hamilton*
Wm. Wilkie, J.; J. H. Eydt, C. R. Lloyd, C. Pepper, J. E. Grady, W. G. Smitton, P.Z's.

No. 7 *The Moira, Belleville*
Lorne E. Vaughn, Z.; V. H. Graves, R. E. Houston, P.Z's.

No. 8 *King Solomon's, Toronto*
Le Roy De Witt, Z.; W. Kewn, H., Arthur Otis, J.; D. L. Munroe, E. Woolcock, A. T. Lewis, Francis Francis, Fred J. Johnson, A. L. Tinker, Albert Carwithen, W. H. Hoare, P.Z's.

No. 15 *Wawanosh, Sarnia*
B. O. Glenn, Z.; W. T. Crisp, J. H. Teasell, E. L. Treitz, P.Z's.

No. 16 *Carleton, Ottawa*
Wm. H. Wingett, Z., F. A. McDiarmid, L. B. Gillespie, P.Z.'s.

No. 18 *Oxford, Woodstock*
E. Buckridge, Z.; A. Wishart, F. H. Bond, James A. Martin, P.Z's.

N. 19 *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines*
J. A. Simmers, Z.; W. J. Rose, P.Z's.

No. 20 *Mount Horeb, Brantford*
H. H. Clark, Z.; H. Flood, H.; C. J. Sharpe, P.Z.

No. 22 *Grenville, Prescott*
John C. Sim, Z.

No. 23 *Ezra, Simcoe*
W. Bradfield, P.Z. (Proxy); J. Anguish, F. M. Reid, H. A. Johnson, P.Z's.

No. 24 *Tecumseh, Stratford*
A. A. Shaw, Z.

No. 26 *St. Mark's, Trenton*
N. M. Sprague, P.Z. (Proxy); A. D. McIntyre, G. Collier, J. A. Pow, C. H. Kinnear, P.Z's.

No. 27 *Manitou, Collingwood*
J. McFadyen, Z.; R. E. Robertson, R. H. Davidson, D. McIntyre, P.Z.'s.

No. 28 *Pentalpha, Oshawa*
H. O. Flintoff, Z.; N. W. Purdy, P.Z.

No. 29 *McCallum, Dunnville*
Jas. Reichel, Z.; O. M. Krick, P.Z.

No. 30 *Huron, Goderich*
Walter Newcombe, Z.; W. H. Roope, P.Z.

No. 31 *Prince Edward, Picton*
Wm. T. Havery, Z.

No. 32 *Waterloo, Galt*
Wm. A. Boyle, Z.; Jas. Weepers, H.; F. R. Lawrence, H. R. Baer, H. R. Eaton, T. Forrester, P.Z's.

No. 35 *Keystone, Whitby*
Robt. McNee, Wm. Davidson, P.Z's.

No. 36 *Corinthian, Peterboro*
S. O. Shields, Z.; C. V. Elliott, H.; C. A. Sollitt, D. D. Brown, J. E. Girven, J. Dishart, R. L. Dobbin, E. W. Edmondson, P.Z's.

No. 37 *Victoria, Port Hope*
Joshua Martin, Z.; Percy McElroy, H.; Hector Inch, Harry Mitchell, C. J. Smith, D. C. Davey, P.Z's.

No. 40 *Guelph, Guelph*
Paul Vorvis, Z.; J. A. Robertson, J. T. Power, C. E. Morgan, P.Z's.

No. 41 *Harris, Ingersoll*
J. M. Wilson, P.Z. (Proxy); E. Webber, L. L. Mansfield, Arthur Huntley, Wm. Moggach, P.Z's.

No. 44 *Mount Sinai, Napanee*
G. L. Brown, Z.; A. V. Roy, A. E. Holman, L. B. Millan, P.Z.'s.

No. 45 *Excelsior, Colborne*
Donald Chatterson, Z.; Howard Bellamy, P.Z.

No. 46 *St. James, St. Mary's*
Albert Dell, P.Z.

No. 47 *Wellington, Chatham*
John McKaigue, H.; C. W. Best, V. R. Weatherhead, W. C. Lewies, P.Z's.

No. 48 *St. John's, Cobourg*
R. S. Clement, Z.; H. J. Cooey, H.; E. W. Niles, J.; W. Sherman Cooper, P.Z.

No. 54 *Palestine, St. Thomas*
J. D. Schweitzer, Z.; William Stokes, P.Z.

No. 55 *Niagara, Niagara-On-The-Lake*
Ernest Chase, Z.; J. B. Collard, A. N. Irvine, J. B. Hostetter, P.Z.'s.

No. 56 *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
H. C. Irwin, P.Z. (Proxy); R. V. Garbutt, P.Z.

No. 57 *King Hiram, Port Colborne*
C. G. Carter, P.Z. (Proxy); A. E. Langman, P.Z.

No. 59 *Sussex-St. Lawrence, Brockville*
E. F. McMullen, Z.; C. H. Orr, H.

No. 62 *York, Toronto*
Ernest Mealing, Z.; W. J. Cook, Fred Grose, S. H. B. Tomkin, W. J. Grierson, Donald B. Young, G. A. Cooper, P.Z's.

No. 64 *Willson, Welland*
Mack Seeley, Z.; G. K. Brown, H.; J. G. Frame, C. E. Griffin, P.Z.'s.

No. 65 *St. Paul's, Toronto*
A. R. Jackson, Z.; Chas. Parker, M. S. Gooderham, L. F. Riggs, P.Z's.

No. 66 *The Malloch, Seaforth*
John Bach, Z.; M. E. Clark, H.; D. L. Reid, P.Z.

No. 67 *Enterprise, Palmerston*
J. F. Edwards, T. Morris, P.Z's.

No. 68 *Maitland, Kemptville*
E. B. Dangerfield, Z.; C. D. Beckett, P.Z.

No. 69 *Grimsby, Grimsby*
R. Cloughley, Z.; David Cloughley, A. Jarvis, P.Z's.

No. 71 *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg*
Charles Ayerst, Z.

No. 72 *Keystone, Stirling*
Burton Morton, Z.; G. W. Bailey, J. S. Whitehead, P.Z's.

No. 75 *St. Clair, Milton*
Fred Hayward, H.; J. A. M. Taylor, W. J. Rowney, C. W. Clark, Edwin Harrop, P.Z's.

No. 76 *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls*
J. W. Lyon, Z.; G. E. French, Chas. Sheppard, Chas. Ley, F. W. Gregory, P.Z's.

No. 77 *Occident, Toronto*
H. B. Hopkinson, Z.; D. Falconer, C. W. Emmett, J. T. Gilchrist, S. G. Newdick, C. Clayton, J. A. Prince, S. E. Salley, John M. Burden, Harold Smith, Robt. Falkner, P.Z's.

No. 79 *Orient, Toronto*
Jas. Forsythe, Z.; H. Ballod, J.; L. L. Querie, J. W. Wright, Wm. Scott, Thos. MacDonald, R. V. Edge, A. H. Jones, P. S. Churchwood, P.Z's.

No. 80 *Ark, Windsor*
Fred N. Heuchan, P.Z. (Proxy), Wm. E. Tregenza, P.Z.

No. 81 *Aylmer, Aylmer*
S. B. Simpson, Z.; A. S. Hare, H. P. Grant, P. Z's.

No. 82 *Shuniah, Port Arthur*
George E. Lister, Z.; R. Routly, P.Z.

No. 84 *Lebanon, Wingham*
Thomas Burke, Z.; K. McLennan, P.Z.

No. 88 *MacNabb, Dresden*
Edward Worth, P.Z.

No. 90 *Golden, Kenora*
C. E. Letman, G. Noble, P.Z.'s H. S. Cade, P.Z. (Proxy).

No. 91 *Toronto-Antiquity, Toronto*
Alfred Greary, Z.; C. G. Litherland, H.; Clare Howes, J.; R. Somerville, S. Manuel, A. Brook, J. V. Mills, D. Calder, Paul Phipps, A. Tannahill, F. C. Hatcher, W. J. A. Lake,, S. Donnan, P.Z's.

No. 94 *Midland, Lindsay*
Allan Wilson, Z.; G. McCombe, H.; Edward T. Solway, J.; M. P. Littner, W. C. Blackwell, Albert Rettie, G. W. Gould, P.Z's.

No. 95 *Tuscon, Sudbury*
George Grieve, Z.; Wm. McKee, H.; P. A. Coates, K. S. Clark, P.Z's.

No. 102 *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie*
Ian McLean, Z.; E. G. Drew, P.Z.

No. 103 *St. John's, North Bay*
B. F. Nott, P.Z. (Proxy)

No. 104 *White Oak, Oakville*
Wm. Edwards, Z.; M. Keagen, H.; O. Bergquist, J.; G. Gibson, J. Hadden, L. Hope, P.Z's.

No. 112 *St. John's Morrisburg*
Rev. G. O. Davies, H.; C. J. LaZerte, P.Z's.

No. 113 *Covenant, Cornwall*
E. A. Markell, P.Z.

No. 114 *Bonnchere, Renfrew*
H. W. Mayhew, P.Z.

No. 115 *Brant, Paris*
J. E. Dunn, Z.; J. L. Churchill, P.Z.

No. 116 *Maple, Carleton Place*
E. R. Fee, P.Z. (Proxy); C. G. Dowdall, P.Z.

No. 117 *Kitchener, Kitchener*
W. J. Schneeler, Z.; J. W. Stoner, H.; A. C. Mason, W. R. Cooper, W. J. Leach, L. A. Becker, W. A. Duench, G H. Shannon, B. M. McNaughton, P.Z's.

No. 119 *King Cyrus, Leamington*
R. A. Willett, P. Z. (Proxy); A. S. H. Cree, P.Z.

No. 129 *Elliot, Mitchell*
J. Edmunds, Z.; N. Coveney, H.; H. Dungey, J.; W. F. Elliot, H. A. Mutton, P.Z's.

No. 130 *Chantry, Southampton*
Laurence Smith, Z.

No. 131 *Amabel, Wiarton*
W. H. Work, P.Z. (Proxy); Rev. J. V. Mills, Rev. W. M. Lee, P.Z.'s

No. 132 *Leeds, Gananoque*
Harold McCalpin, H.

No. 133 *St. Francis, Smiths Falls.*
Wm. McCollum, Z.; J. J. Carpenter, J. H. Lawson, C. A. Bailey, P.Z.'s.

No. 135 *Succoth, Uxbridge*
J. K. Noble, Z.; H. V. Watson, M. Veitch, P.Z's.

No. 138 *Shekinah, Toronto*
C. Wells, Z.; E. E. Dobson, H.; Harry Huggins, Earl Hughes, E. W. Pearson, E. A. Snell, R. Ackerman, W. J. Harris, J. Marr, A. W. Cook, E. C. Tyres, P.Z's.

No. 140 *Fort William, Fort William*
Henry T. Middlemiss, P.Z. (Proxy).

No. 144 *Presqu'Ile, Brighton*
K. A. McQuoid, P.Z. (Proxy).

No. 145 *The St. Patrick, Toronto*
Rev. W. J. Johnston, Z.; W. E. Pomeroy, H.; J. J. Shelley, E. B. Reid, E. Hewett, T. S. Westcott, M. A. Searle, W. R. Ledger, J. R. Legecy, W. C. Johnston, W. J. Tow, P. W. Rogers, John Anderson, P.Z's.

No. 146 *Bernard, Listowel*
Leslie Adair, Z.

No. 147 *Lucknow, Lucknow*
C. H. MacDonald, P.Z. (Proxy); J. W. Stewart, P.Z.'s.

No. 148 *St. John's, Vankleek Hill*
G. D. McIntyre, P.Z. (Proxy).

No. 150 *London, London*
G. T. E. Martin, P.Z. (Proxy); A. G. N. Bradshaw, T. Welsh, J. W. Carson, P.Z's.

No. 152 *Alberton, Fort Frances*
H. S. Cade, P.Z. (Proxy)

No. 153 *Sombra, Wallaceburg*
A. B. Cousins, Z., John Burnett, P.Z.

No. 155 *Ancaster, Ancaster*
T. E. Walker, Z.; W. E. Dorr, J.; M. R. Brown, A. S. Martin, P.Z's.

No. 161 *Madoc, Madoc*
Lynn McCoy, Z,; E. Naylor, P.Z.

No. 163 *The Beaches, Toronto*
J. R. Mason, Z.; T. Middleton, J.; H. Perkins, L. A. Woolger, F. Spracklin, F. L. Meisner, T. J. Mason, G. E. Dodd, P.Z's.

No. 167 *Kichikewana, Midland*
Alden French, Z.; C. P. Eagles, P.Z.

GRAND Z'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent,

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

My Companions:

The blessing of the Great Jehovah has assuredly been round about us and His Presence very near to us in the year which has sped by with such incredible swiftness since we met in the Capital City of the Dominion. We now meet in the Capital City of the Province, the Queen City, Toronto, where so many Masonic meetings have been held and where the hospitality and good fellowship of its citizens are proverbial. Situated nearly at the centre of our Grand Jurisdiction, it is admirably suited for the Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter. For our gracious welcome to this City and to the generous co-operation of all the Companions in this area, particularly the Past Principals' Association of the Toronto Districts, the facilities of this famous King Edward Hotel and its efficient management, we express our grateful and appreciative thanks.

It is always a great pleasure to greet so many of the Companions of our Jurisdiction and to share with them the realization of the spirit of solidarity which pervades our Royal Craft within and outside our own Jurisdiction.

We welcome our distinguished guests from our sister Jurisdictions in the Dominion and from the United States of America, all sovereign bodies divided by bounds invisible to the eye and equally invisible in the light of the warm bonds of fraternal affection and Companionship which activates our every relationship in our Masonic intercourse. This intimate fellowship extends throughout the whole Masonic family so that we are thrilled to welcome our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother James P. Maher and his comrade-in-service the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Brother Ewart G. Dixon, K.C., as representing Craft Masonry, which is carrying on to its high destiny with such splendid effective-

ness. These are our worthy Companions. Our Grand Lodge is always assured of the complete loyalty and devotion of this Grand Chapter. Our Grand Master must feel the warm pulse of affectionate regard with which he is held in this Grand Convocation. May the Most High abundantly bless him and his officers as they go about their task in advancing the cause of Freemasonry.

We are deeply appreciative of the presence today of the official representatives of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Order of High Priesthood, Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Bound together in the wonderful experience of Masonic endeavour it is at once logical and essential but, never-the-less, most gratifying that perfect harmony and understanding exists throughout all our contacts and relationship. May the bonds that draw us so closely together be ever strengthened by our unanimous purpose to advance the Brotherhood of Man under the reverent consciousness of the Fatherhood of Almighty God.

Perhaps never before has Capitular Masonry throughout the world, for it is now reaching beyond the English speaking countries, shown such vitality and made such constant and consistent progress towards the realization of its high aims and purposes.

Necrology

Our statistical report shows the loss of 441 members through death during the past year, one of the highest losses in our history. Truly the call to the Grand Chapter above has been frequent and some of the most illustrious of our number have answered that call.

On June 28th word came from his sister's home in Toronto of the passing with tragic suddenness of Most Ex. Comp. Dr. Walter Garnett Price, Grand Treasurer. He long and faithfully serviced Capitular Masonry both as Grand First Principal 1930-31 and later from 1933 to 1949 as Grand Treasurer. His passing took from us a vast fund of experience and an officer whose loyalty and devotion could always be depended upon. He was convalescing from a recent heart ailment which had confined him to hospital and his complete recovery seemed assured when, shortly after being permitted to leave the hospital, the end came suddenly.

On September 8th we were shocked to learn of the passing in hospital in London of Most Ex. Companion Edwin Smith, Grand

Scribe E. and our senior Past Grand Z. He had travelled to Winnipeg on August 20th to attend meetings of the Red Cross of Constantine, Sovereign Grand Priory and make final local arrangements as Secretary for the 3rd Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters at the Fort Garry Hotel. He was unwell, he thought from indigestion on Sunday and the doctor advised immediate return to his home in London as quickly and quietly as possible as the symptoms indicated a heart condition. With the wonderful co-operation of friends and the C.P.R. officials as well as the Companions from London, the return trip was arranged and he arrived safely and comfortably directly at the hospital in London, where under his own specialists he made splendid progress and was to be permitted to return to his own home the following day, which for him never dawned. This was a terrible blow to our Grand Chapter organization, for while the Grand Z could temporarily take over the duties of Grand Treasurer and sign cheques for the routine expenses, the death of so experienced an official as the Grand Scribe E was most severely felt. The Grand Council and nearly all the P.G.Z.'s attended the funeral in London Saturday, September 10th, where a great company of Civic Officials of London, prominent members of all branches of the Masonic Fraternity, his church associates, and citizens from far and near gathered to pay their last affectionate respects, and to convey their sympathy to the widow and family.

On the evening of April 5th on setting out for home after a dinner with a brother mason of his own Lodge, Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Powers of Ottawa, elected member of the Grand Executive and Chairman of the Committee on Warrants, was struck and almost instantly killed by a motor truck in the middle of the street. One of the most widely and affectionately regarded members of our Executive, of many years standing, he will be greatly mourned in Capitular Masonry. He was elected Grand Registrar of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication and, was also prominent in the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Ottawa. Grand Chapter was represented at his funeral in Ottawa Saturday afternoon in the absence of the G.Z. in Toronto, by Rt. Ex. Comp. John Middleton, G.S. of Ottawa District, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Fergus McDiarmid, P.G.S.

Truly our losses of active officials in Grand Chapter have been heavy, but we pause to extend our sincerest sympathy to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Do-

minion of Canada in the loss of their Sovereign Grand Commander George H. Ross of Toronto who died with tragic suddenness from a heart attack during a business trip to Montreal on February 14th. He was a Companion of St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto, a past officer of Grand Lodge, and past Presiding Officer of the Royal Order of Scotland for Ontario, a distinguished citizen and loyal Canadian, respected in financial circles on this Continent and affectionately regarded by all Kiwanians, of which organization he had been International President, by his Church associates, philanthropic public bodies, and adored by his intimate family.

Bereavement entered the family circle of another of our Grand Chapter members with the passing in Hamilton of the Mother of Most Ex. Companion Fred Dean. The funeral was held on Saturday, November 19th. In the absence of the Grand Z., Most Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., represented Grand Chapter and I am indebted to him for his kindness. The following day I was able to call at Hamilton to convey my personal sympathy to Most Ex. Comp. Dean.

The complete list of our losses in the Companionship of those devoted Royal Arch Masons of our own and of our Sister Jurisdictions is fully recorded in the Report of Fraternal Dead. Heaven seems much nearer because so many of our closest and dearest have gone over thither, and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to those near in kinship and affection who remain behind.

Visitations

Space forbids a full description of my visitations through this and sister Jurisdictions. Recognizing the responsibility reposed in me to make as full use of my time and energies to the furtherance of the cause of Capitular Masonry, I have earnestly tried to make as wide contacts as possible to bring our Grand Chapter as closely and intimately before our constituent Chapters, and to the Grand Bodies with which we are associated in the Masonic family, as could be done in the allotted time. It has always been the keynote of my representation of the purpose and objective of our Grand Chapter to uphold the high spiritual ideals which are the essence of the Holy Royal Arch. Everywhere I have found our Grand Chapter held in the highest regard and the greatest fraternal courtesies have been extended. Never-failing hospitality and cordial good fellowship has everywhere been encountered so that it is

with a great sense of pride and an equally strong sense of humility that I record, in brief tabular form and chronological order, the list of official visitations and meetings since the last Annual Convocation in Ottawa.

Date 1949	Chapter, Lodge, or Event	No.	Location	Occasion
MAY—				
3—	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	Welcome as G.Z. to his own Lodge.
9-13—	Grand Chapter, Alberta		Edmonton	Annual Convocation. Made Honorary Past Grand Z.
17—	Funeral		Montreal	Funeral M. Ex. Comp. William Carswell, P.G.Z. of Quebec.
21—	Reception		Ottawa	Honoured by 33degree Masons of Valley of Ottawa at dinner.
26—	Ottawa Chapter	222	Ottawa	Official reception in own Chapter.
30—	Acacia Lodge	61	Hamilton	Grand Lodge Night. Initiation of sons of V. Wor. Bro. J. A. Simpson and M. Wor. Bro. T. Hamilton Simpson.
JUNE—				
2—	St. Thomas Lodge	44	St. Thomas	Grand Lodge Night M. Wor. Bro. J. A. McRae presided.
23—	Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New Brunswick		St. John	Annual Convocation. Made Honourary Past Grand Z.
29—	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	1	Kingston	Luncheon. Presented two 50 year Jewels.
29—	Victoria Chapter	37	Port Hope	80th Anniversary. Accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean.
30—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Meeting re funeral of M.Ex. Comp. W. G. Price.
JULY—				
2—	Funeral		Toronto	Funeral M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price. Grand Council and P.G.Z.'s present.
9—	Meeting and Dinner		Toronto	Meeting of Grand Council and M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean and Edwin Smith.
20-21—	Grand Lodge		Toronto	Official Guest.
27—	Luncheon and Meeting		Ottawa	R. Ex. Comps. Middleton, G. S., and F. A. McDiarmid, P.G.S.
AUGUST—				
21-23—	Sovereign Great Priory		Winnipeg	Official Guest.
23-24—	Canadian Grand Chapters		Winnipeg	3rd Annual Convocation. Presided.
AUG. 27 to SEPT. 1—	—Grand Chapter Nova Scotia		St. Johns, Nfld.	80th Annual Convocation. Awarded Joseph Conway Brown Medallion.
SEPTEMBER—				
9-10—	Funeral		London	Funeral M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.
11-15—	Supreme Council A. & A.S.R.		St. John, N.B.	Annual Communication. Received as President of Can. Grand Chapters.
21—	Covenant Chapter	113	Cornwall	International Night.
23—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Meeting of Grand Council and the Past Grand Z's.
OCTOBER—				
14—	York Chapter	62	Toronto	75th Anniversary.
20—	Wawanosh Chapter	15	Sarnia	Presented two 50-year Jewels, at private meeting.
20-21—	Grand Chapter Michigan		Port Huron	Annual Convocation. Accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Fred Dean. and G.H.

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22—	New Ontario District		North Bay	Chapter of Instruction.
25-27—	Grand Chapter Virginia		Richmond, Va.	Annual Convocation. Accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean.
29—	Ottawa Chapter	222	Ottawa	29th Birthday Anniversary Party. Accompanied by Grand J., also M. Ex. Comps. Hill and Williamson of Grand Chapter of Quebec, and other distinguished Companions. Presented one 25 year P. Z. Jewel.
NOVEMBER—				
4—	Ashlar Lodge	564	Ottawa	Invited to D.D.G.M. meeting.
15—	Preliminary Meeting		Toronto	All Canada Lodge of Research. Royal Arch representative.
16—	Carleton Chapter	16	Ottawa	90th Anniversary.
18—	The St. Patrick's Chapter	145	Toronto	Grand Chapter Night. Presided as Z. Installed the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E.
21—	Luncheon & Meeting		Tillsonburg	Re new Chapter under dispensation.
21—	Minnewawa Chapter	78	Parkhill	Dedication Chapter Room. Accompanied by distinguished delegation.
22—	Meeting & Breakfast		London	Grand Council entertained by R. Wor. Kingsmill. Visited Mrs. Ed. Smith and M. Ex. Comp. James Rossiter, G.Z. of Grand Chapter Western Australia. Conference with Hotel London re 93rd Annual Convocation in 1951.
24—	Ottawa Chapter	222	Ottawa	Family Night.
30—	Dinner Meeting		Ottawa	Ottawa Past Masters and Wardens Association by Invitation.
DECEMBER—				
1—	St. Andrew's Lodge		Ottawa	D.D.G.M. Meeting by invitation.
3- 7—			Ottawa	Host to M. Ex. Comp. Jas. Rossiter and wife during visit to Ottawa.
4—	Rideau Lodge	595	Ottawa	Masonic Church Service. Accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Rossiter.
5—	Lodge of Perfection		Ottawa	Introduced Dr. Rossiter.
6—	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	D.D.G.M. Meeting by Invitation. Accompanied by Dr. Rossiter.
8—	Gr. Chapt. Pennsylvania		Philadelphia	Annual Convocation.
13—	Gr. Chapt. Massachusetts		Boston	Annual Convocation.
19—	Ottawa Preceptory	32	Ottawa	Christmas Observances. Visit of Supreme Grand Master Eydt.
1950				
JANUARY—				
3—	Dalhousie Lodge	52	Ottawa	Past Masters' Night. Acted as W.M.
11-12—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Meetings.
12—	The St. Clair Chapter	231	Toronto	Installation of Officers. Presented 25 year P.Z. Jewel.
26—	Ottawa Chapter	222	Ottawa	Installation of Officers. Presentation of Bible from members of Armed Forces.
27—	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Meeting Grand Council and P.G.Z.'s. Issued depensation for Yukon Chapter, Whitehorse.
28—	Hiawatha Chapter	252	Sarnia	International Night.
FEBRUARY—				
6- 8—	Gr. Chapter New York		Albany, N.Y.	Annual Convocation. Accompanied by M. Ex-Comp. John Burden.
10—	Toronto District 8-A		Toronto	District meeting. Presented 25 year P.Z. Jewel to M. Ex. Comp. Conover and 50 year Jewel and 50 year P.Z. Jewel to R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Lake.

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FEBRUARY—				
17	Funeral		Toronto	Funeral Comp. Geo. H. Ross, Sovereign Grand Commander A. & A.S.R.
20	District Meeting		Windsor	St. Clair District meeting under auspices of Ark Chapter No. 80.
23	Gr. Chapter Office		Toronto	Meeting.
MARCH—				
3	St. George Lodge		Toronto	Grand Lodge Night in honour of M. Wor. Bro. and M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel.
7	Moira Chapter	7	Belleville	Presentation 50 year Jewel.
8	St. Paul's Chapter	65	Toronto	Past Z Night.
22	Gr. Chap. Louisiana		New Orleans	Talked with M. Ex. Comp. Ballard, G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. Lee Harris, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter, Louisiana and conveyed fraternal greetings.
28	Gr. Chapter California		San Francisco	Met M. Ex. Comp. Chester Newell, Grand Secretary, and conveyed fraternal greetings.
APRIL—				
1	Gr. Chapt. Br. Columbia		Vancouver	Meeting District No. 2, with banquet.
6	Golden Star Chapter	254	Dryden	Presented Warrant as of April 27, 1949.
8	Gr. Chapter Office		Toronto	Meetings.
12	Granite Chapter	61	Almonte	Presented 50 year Jewel. Accompanied by delegation from Ottawa.
14	Royal Order Scotland		Montreal	Meeting and Banquet of Provincial Grand Lodge, Quebec.
15	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Meeting with Grand Council and Past Grand Z's.
20	Grand Chapter Office		Toronto	Meeting with Grand Scribe E.
23	Church Service		Ottawa	Ottawa Masonic District Service.

A Grand Z situated at the far Eastern end of the Jurisdiction has a considerable handicap in point of travel distance to the membership and Chapter concentration, which centres about Toronto. During the year, it has only been possible for me to officially visit Chapters within ten of our seventeen districts. It is my earnest hope that, before my term of office expires, I will have the pleasure of meeting all the Companions in their own Districts. Our District No. 17 in the Yukon Territory is difficult to reach unless by air at considerable expense, and, scarcely less expensive but more demanding on time, is the trip by rail and steamer. If our baby Chapter Yukon U.D. is granted a warrant, then perhaps it would be a fitting time to visit there and, also, Klondike Chapter No. 154 in Dawson City, provided suitable arrangements could be made. Wilson, Wellington, Hamilton, Huron, Niagara, and Georgian Districts are those to which particular visitations are to be planned. In-so-far as possible if District Meetings with work, as well as welcome, can be provided, a double purpose could be attained and the strength and interest in Capitular Masonry extended.

A warm and sincere acknowledgement is due and has been extended to the Chapters and Districts who have so graciously received and honoured the Grand Z, and the Grand Chapter Officers, who have from time to time formed part of the official party and to whom I wish to pay a sincere tribute of regard for their faithful attendance and assistance under all circumstances.

International Nights have become special attractions in certain Chapters' calendars. Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall, in conjunction with Massena Chapter, New York State, had a splendid banquet and reception in the Armouries at Cornwall. It was attended by some 600 Companions from both sides of the Border and we had the honour of the presence of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, Most Ex. Companion Charles Sampson, and ten of his past and present line officers. It was a thrilling experience to see and meet such splendid Royal Arch Masons. To commemorate the event, Most Ex. Comp. Sampson and myself were presented with silver mounted gavels in carrying cases, with the penny of Covenant Chapter inlaid in the base of the cases, which, like the gavels, were of curious and masterly workmanship. This fraternal interchange of visits between our Canadian Chapters and those of the State of New York will alternate each year, the 1950 meeting being in Massena.

International Night, under the auspices of Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, Sarnia, was the second annual event of its kind and was largely attended, beginning with a formal reception in the Chapter Room, the working of the M.M.M. degree, and a banquet presided over by our wonderfully kind and capable friend, the Immediate Past Grand High Priest of the State of Michigan, Most Ex. Companion Arthur Michael Burke. There was a splendid attendance of both Michigan and Ontario Companions and the whole programme was a wonderful success. It was a great satisfaction to have Most Ex. Comp. Dean and Rt. Ex. Comp. Bradshaw, G.H., present to support me. The social touch was retained by a reception, including the ladies, at the hotel, after all the official programme was completed.

What really was in fact another International Night was the St. Clair District Meeting in Windsor on February 20th, under the auspices of Ark Chapter, No. 80. It was attended by a large and distinguished deputation from the Detroit Chapters. Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred Heuchan, our Grand Registrar, acted as host-in-chief, and the Grand J., Rt. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and the Grand Scribe

E., Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, were in attendance at what proved to be a most interesting evening.

In my own City, Carleton Chapter, No. 16, made me an Honorary Member, which I greatly appreciate, and made a handsome contribution to the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund on the occasion of my visit with them. Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, my own Chapter, whose friendship and loyalty I can never repay, on every possible opportunity afforded me every courtesy, permitting me to assist in the installation of their officers and the receiving of a presentation of an Altar Bible, suitably inscribed, as a gift of the Companions who belonged to the Armed Forces. This presentation will ever commemorate all the circumstances of the occasion.

The Honorary Members of Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Ottawa tendered me a complimetary dinner in honour of my election to the office of Grand Z. At the Annual Session of the Supreme Council of the A. & A.S.R. for the Dominion of Canada in St. John, N.B., in September last, your Grand Z was introduced and welcomed as the President of the 4th Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

Special distinction was accorded both Most Ex. Comp. Dean and myself by the Holy Land Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine by the honorary rank of Past Presiding Officer of that body. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec of the Royal Order of Scotland also did your Grand First Principal the high honour of inviting him to be present and speak at their annual meeting and banquet in Montreal.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held in Toronto in July last, the warmest fraternal courtesies were extended your Grand Z, who was privileged to attend in the dual capacity of member and guest.

Nor time nor space suffices to detail the host of kindnesses, the hospitality offered and accepted from those concordant branches of the Masonic family during the past year, and these honours are recorded as an evidence of the strong and affectionate ties of mutual trust and understanding which binds us all together in this great Masonic Brotherhood which means so much to the stability, justice, peace and happiness of our own Country and which could do so much for the world at large.

As a visitor and guest to our Sister Jurisdictions both in Canada and the United States of America, your Grand Z was everywhere received with warm and gracious cordiality and our Grand Jurisdiction was honoured and extolled. The opportunity of moving among the greatest of the Royal Craft has been a wonderful privilege, an education, and an inspiration. Each Jurisdiction seemed to desire to outdo the others in the excellency of their arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of their guests and to present perfection in the conduct of their business and in the ritualistic work which forms a great part in some Annual Convocation programmes. And amidst the meticulous attention to routine detail, how exceedingly graciously the Committees have always provided for the comfort and entertaiment of the visiting ladies!

I have already endeavoured to personally convey my most sincere appreciation to the Grand Chapters of Alberta, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Brunswick, New York, Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, and Virginia for the honours conferred and the marvellously kind and generous hospitality extended to the Grand Z of the Grand Chapter R.A.M., of Canada and I hope that each one who had any part in promoting the pleasure of these Convocations knows of the great pleasure their courtesies have inspired. Everywhere I was invited to speak and enjoyed the opportunity of conveying the greetings of this Grand Chapter.

It was a matter of sincere personal regret that it proved impossible to accept the invitations and personally attend the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia, and Quebec in our own Dominion and those of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, West Virginia, and Wisconsin in the U.S.A. Our Grand H., Rt. Ex. Comp. A. C. N. Bradshaw was our official representative to Quebec. I am deeply indebted to him for this and many personal kindnesses during the year. All these Sister Jurisdictions received our grateful thanks for their kind invitation and our best wishes for their Convocations, together with our regrets at being unable to attend to do honour to the occasion.

While in the South recently, it was my privilege to exchange greetings with Most Ex. Comp. F. A. Ballard, G.H.P. of Louisiana, in New Orleans and also with Most Ex. Comp. Lee Harris, his

Grand Secretary. I also met and talked with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of California, Most Ex. Comp. Chester H. Newell, in San Francisco. When in Vancouver, I sat next to the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Washington. In all cases, the reports of these distinguished Royal Arch Masons indicated strength and progress in the Royal Craft in their jurisdictions.

It is impossible to deal in detail with these wonderful fraternal experiences, for some have a very special personal significance—such as my reception in the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, my native Province, among many friends of very long standing, or the thrill of my first official reception, which was in Edmonton at the Grand Chapter of Alberta—for in both cases they conferred the honour of Past Grand Z. upon your Grand Z., but it seems fitting that record should be made of the visits to the extreme East and West of our Dominion.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, held their adjourned Eightieth Annual Convocation in St. John',s Nfld., on August 29th to 31st. It was both an honour and a revelation to be permitted to be present and participate in the celebrations. It happened that these dates coincided with the first official visit of His Excellency the Governor General to the new Province of Newfoundland and the decorations and enthusiasm of the occasion added to the colour and the interest of the Masonic celebrations. The cordial hospitality of the Brethren and Companions of St. John's to all the visitors, the beauty of the setting, and the perfection of their ritual within the Chapter have left a never-to-be-forgotten impression. The presentation of the Joseph Conway Brown Medallion to your Grand Z., the highest decoration in their gift for meritorious service to Capitular Masonry, will ever be a cherished possession.

In Vancouver on April 1st at a special Convocation of District No. 2 of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of British Columbia, where, in a packed Chapter Room, after an introduction by Most Ex. Comp. John MacLeod, I.P.G.Z., the Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. Gerald H. Sedger, received and welcomed your Grand Z. and invited him to the East to temporarily assume the Sceptre. It was a most gracious and kind gesture of affectionate fraternal regard for the Mother Grand Chapter, which will ever be a glowing

memory. It was my privilege to convey the warmest and most cordial greetings of our Grand Chapter and our best wishes for their continued growth and prosperity. It was a most memorable evening as three very distinguished Craft Masons, two being Past Grand Masters and all three being 33 degree Masons, were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch. The leaders in every branch of Masonry were in attendance and it was a special honour to be the speaker at the Banquet hour.

From Coast to Coast and from North to South on this Continent there exists a splendid unity of spirit and purpose in Capitular Masonry which augurs well for the future.

It has not been my privilege during the year to attend any of the sectional meetings of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, although many kind invitations have been received from Most Ex. Comp. Earl Dusenbury, General Grand High Priest, and Most Ex. Comp. Roscoe Walcutt, the General Grand Secretary. The most cordial fraternal relations exist between our Grand Bodies, and it has been a great pleasure to meet these great Masons on frequent occasions at our own and other Grand Convocations. Particularly interesting is the account of Most Ex. Comp. Dusenbury's trip to Alaska and the formation of six Chapters under his jurisdiction there. Although distances are tremendous there still is a most gratifying fraternal interchange of visits between our Chapters in the Yukon and the Alaska Companions, which will be fostered and strengthened by the formation of our new Chapter in Whitehorse, in which all Capitular Masons of that part of the world have shown a great interest. While we are not affiliated with the General Grand Chapter we recognize their splendid work for Capitular Masonry and extend congratulations in their past achievements and our cordial best wishes. We hope to meet their officers in Saskatchewan in May.

We were greatly honoured in the Jurisdiction by the presence of Most Ex. Comp. Dr. James Rossiter, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Western Australia, who with his wife was completing a tour around the World and stayed with his son in London, Ontario for some weeks. Our Grand Council paid him a visit there when we learned of his presence and induced him and Mrs. Rossiter to pay a visit to Ottawa where a most happy and profitable opportunity was afforded to extend fraternal courtesies and to visit the different Masonic Bodies, including the Craft, and

Scottish Rite and attend a Masonic Church Service. M. Ex. Comp. Rossiter was particularly anxious to see a M.M.M. Degree in this country and the St. Clair Chapter, Toronto most kindly provided him with the opportunity on his return trip to London, for which courtesy both Dr. Rossiter and I are most grateful.

The 3rd Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters was held in Winnipeg at the Fort Garry Hotel, August 23rd and 24th. Owing to the absence through illness of the President, M. Ex. Comp. Archdeacon Middleton of Alberta, the Vice-President, your Grand Z presided during the sessions. Owing to the illness of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith who had to be taken home by train, before the opening of the Conference, M. Ex. Comp. Reg. V. Harris of Nova Scotia, assumed the office of Secretary. The first get-together was a banquet presided over by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Lawrence, the first G.Z. of Manitoba at which all delegates were welcomed and the purpose and objects of the Conference were explained. There was a very fine attendance of every Canadian Jurisdiction except British Columbia and including nearly all the Past Grand Z's of Manitoba. M. Ex. Comp. Earl Dusenbury, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was present at the banquet but had to leave before the session the following day. The Agenda included such subjects as the Financial Statement, appointment of Committees, Information re Committee on Fraternal Relations, Instructing the Candidates; A Chapter of Research for Canada; Automatic Suspensions; Grand Chapter official Bulletins; Uniform Royal Arch Regalia; Books, etc. Educational Literature; Reclaiming the Demitted and Suspended Members, Non-Resident and Non-Affiliated Members; Impressing the Candidates; Proficiency the Key; Reports of Committees and Resolutions. General Discussion.

A stenographic report of all papers and proceedings was made and distributed to all present and past G.Z.'s in Canada, and proved to be a most interesting and instructive document. The 4th Annual Conference will be held in Sudbury, Ontario, August 22nd and 23rd, 1950. The Officers and Committees elected are as follows:—

President, C. MacL. Pitts, Canada.

Immediate Past President—Ven. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton, Alberta.

Vice-President—Dr. Ben S. Bailey, Manitoba.

Secy-Treasurer—Edwin Smith, Canada (deceased).

Asst. Secy-Treas.—A. A. Wilson, Saskatchewan.

Executive— J. F. Lunney, Saskatchewan.
N. D. Hill, Quebec.
Roy E. Crawford, New Brunswick.
R. V. Harris, Nova Scotia.
Dr. J. V. Follett, Alberta.

Education—Dr. B. S. Bailey, F. W. Dean, J. D. McFadyen, John MacLeod, H. F. Sipprell, Walter B. Hooker, Dr. J. V. Follett.

Fraternal Relations—W. W. Williamson, R. V. Harris, T. S. Cook, Harold B. Bentley.

Research—R. V. Harris, C. M. Pitts, H. A. Porter, Judge de Roche.

One of the important resolutions adopted was concurrence "in the proposal to establish an All-Canada Lodge of Research embracing in its studies all branches of Freemasonry including the Royal Arch, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, etc., and their history and archeology, ritual, symbolism, etc., and agree to lend every support to the project."

In this matter concurrence has been accorded by the Grand Lodges, Sovereign Great Priory, and the Scottish Rite as well as the Grand Chapters, and the first exploratory meeting of all the appointed representatives of their Bodies has been held at Hart House, Toronto, when your Grand Z. represented Capitular Masonry, and where we were the guests of Most Wor. Bro. J. W. Dunlop. A representative from the Provincial Grand Lodge of England in Newfoundland as well as from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia were present in the persons of Wor. Bro. K. C. Skuce, O.B.E. and Most Ex. Comp Harris from Halifax. Several individual Grand Lodges were not represented by individual representatives but it was agreed to form a Research Association to investigate and prepare a report from the experience of preliminary meetings with papers and discussions on Research subjects, such report to be presented to the next meeting of Canadian Grand Masters in 1951, before an application is made to form a Lodge of Research.

The Conference in Winnipeg also authorized the Education Committee to take steps to compile a booklet dealing with the Capitular system for the information of petitioners, and dealing with the organization of the Rite, the legends of the several degrees,

their symbolism, such as may properly be given to a Master Mason, such booklet to be made available to all Grand Chapters in Canada for use by their Constituent Chapters. This, of course, only after the draft has been approved by each Grand Chapter. We can be confident that these Annual Conferences will be productive of great good to Capitular Masonry in Canada. The total cost to our Grand Chapter was $368.49, about 2c per member.

Only one Especial Convocation of Grand Chapter was held during the year on November 21st at Parkhill for the dedication of the Chapter Room of Minnewawa Chapter No. 78. The Grand J. and Grand S.E. drove me from Toronto and we were joined at Parkhill by the Grand H. and a number of the Rt. Ex. Companions from London, and the Grand Scribe N., Rt. Ex. Comp. Wilson. Rt. Ex. Comp. J. House also was present. A severe snowstorm made it impossible for the Sarnia and Windsor Companions to attend. After the ceremony a very delightful refreshment hour was provided at the home of Companion Gibbs.

Two Dispensations were granted to form new Chapters, one to Tillsonburg Chapter, U.D. at Tillsonburg and the other to Yukon Chapter, U. D. at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Both are flourishing during their short existence and their progress may merit the granting of warrants at this Grand Chapter. The enthusiasm of the Companions in these new locations and the co-operation of the adjacent Chapters are examples of what can be accomplished by earnest endeavour, and we congratulate all concerned.

Grand Representatives

During the year, it has been a pleasure to issue Commissions, on the recommendations of their Grand Jurisdictions, to Most Ex. Comp. E. A. Greer, of Welsh, Louisiana, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Louisiana, and to Most Ex. Companion, Arthur L. Miller, Pittsburg, Pa., Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, to act as our Grand Representatives near their Grand Chapters.

It is my pleasant anticipation to have the privilege of presenting his Commission to Most Ex. Companion Miller at this Grand Convocation.

Owing to the death of Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, I have recommended to the Grand Chapter of Ohio that Rt. Ex. Com-

panion A. G. N. Bradshaw be our representative near that Grand Chapter and the Commission has been received. Later in the year we will recommend appointments to fill the vacancies near our Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, Washington and Montana.

I sincerely trust that all Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter will be active in keeping in touch with the Grand Chapters they represent so that the fraternal bonds may be strengthened and our close fellowship and mutual understanding assured. As I travel through these Sister Jurisdictions it is a great pleasure to meet our Grand Representatives and to find the cordial regard in which they hold their position of ambassadors of goodwill .

The membership in our Jurisdiction has shown a net increase of 748 to a total of 20,060. Our deaths, suspensions, and withdrawals this year at 441, 113, and 154 respectively, are all abnormal ly high, the withdrawals being accounted for by adjustments to bring certain Chapter records into harmony after a careful audit of the membership records. Our Life Memberships in Grand Chapter have decreased 64 during the year to 3,913. The details of comparative membership statistics are as follows:—

Membership

Total Membership:		Net Increase over previous year	Life Members
Dec. 31, 1945	17,087	499	3,947
" 1946	17,624	537	4,047
" 1947	18,456	832	4,096
" 1948	19,312	856	4,049
" 1949	20,060	748	3,913

	1946	1947	1948	1949
Admissions	1,027	1325	1,317	1,322
Joinings	69	79	107	86
Restorations	55	59	52	48
Withdrawals	130	136	132	154
Suspensions	112	117	60	113
Deaths	372	378	428	441

Membership by District at December 31, 1949:

District	Beginning of year	Dec. 31 1949	Increase	%	Increase and Percentage for Year 1948	
1	1,383	1,426	43	3.181	66	5.0
2	2,105	2,191	86	4.055	92	4.6
3	790	819	29	3.670	32	4.2
4	906	945	39	4.304	37	4.3
5	945	983	38	4.002	38	4.2
6	858	936	78	9.090	28	3.4
7	823	841	18	2.187	22	2.7
8	1,932	1,957	25	1.294	49	2.6
8A	1,833	1,893	60	3.272	69	3.9
9	747	753	6	.803	19	2.6
10	1,364	1,411	47	3.445	54	4.1
11	984	1,011	27	2.744	55	5.9
12	1,214	1,269	53	4.365	33	2.5
13	1,363	1,499	136	9.978	119	9.6
14	871	901	30	3.444	86	11.0
15	688	716	28	4.069	42	6.5
16	432	434	2	.046	12	2.9
17	74	77	3	4.108	3	4.2
	19,312	20,060	748	3.873	856	4.6

Chapters Having Most Exaltations:

Chapter	No.	Location	Exaltations
Carleton	16	Ottawa	60
Tecumseh	24	Stratford	34
The St. Clair	231	Toronto	27
Shuniah	82	Port Arthur	24
St. George's	5	London	23
St. Francis	133	Smith's Falls	23
Sussex - St. Lawrence	59	Brockville	21
Maitland	68	Kemptville	21
Mount Sinai	212	Toronto	21
Occident	77	Toronto	20
Algonquin	102	Sault Ste. Marie	19
Ottawa	222	Ottawa	19

Chapters Having No Exaltations:

Chapter	No.	Location
King Hiram	57	Port Colborne
Pembroke	58	Mattawa
Warkworth	110	Warkworth
King Darius	134	Cannington

Chapters Showing Largest Percentage Net Gain:

No. 68 Maitland, Kemptville	30.6%
No. 148 St. John's, Vankleek Hill	30.6%
No. 61 Granite, Almonte	24.6%
No. 104 White Oak, Oakville	24.5%
No. 218 Prince Edward, Shelburne	18.8%
No. 84 Lebanon, Wingham	18. %
No. 16 Carleton, Ottawa	17.7%
No. 129 Elliot, Mitchell	17.4%
No. 133 St. Francis, Smith's Falls	16.9%
No. 226 Prince of Wales, Perth	16.5%

Our Largest Chapters:

Chapter	No.	Location	Members
The St. Patrick	145	Toronto	473
Carleton	16	Ottawa	399
Occident	77	Toronto	351
St. George's	5	London	350
Palestine	54	St. Thomas	344
Sussex-St. Lawrence	59	Brockville	341
Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	1	Kingston	331
Ark	80	Windsor	315
Corinthian	36	Peterboro	309
Algonquin	102	Sault Ste. Marie	285

Our Smallest Chapters

Chapter	No.	Location	Members
Atwood	149	Rainy River	51
Warkworth	110	Warkworth	49
Niagara	55	Niagara-on-Lake	48
Presqu'Ile	144	Brighton	43
Glengarry	143	Maxville	39
Abitibi	223	Iroquois Falls	38
Prince Edward	218	Shelburne	38
Dochert	248.	Arnprior	37
Durham	221	Durham	36
Pembroke	58	Mattawa	21

Chapters having 10% Net Increase	23
Chapters having gain in Membership	116
Chapters having loss in Membership	23
Chapters having no change in Membership	15
	154

DISPENSATIONS

One Hundred and Eighteen Dispensations were issued as follows:—

To attend Divine Service	12
Changing day or hour of opening	54
Advancement of Officers as required by Constitution	14
Allow Exaltation on account of non-residency for 12 months due to vocation	1
To permit the Installation of Officers on a day not prescribed in By-Laws	10
To Dispense with Convocation in Summer Months	1
To meet in another Hall	4
Social Functions	16
Waiver of Jurisdiction	1
International Night	2
To permit working of all degrees in one day	3
To permit Exaltation of a Companion with injured arm	1

Approved the interchange of six Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction with Chapters outside our Jurisdiction. In most cases a Degree was exemplified.

RULINGS

It was necessary to make only two rulings during the year.

It was ruled that a demitted Craft Mason, therefore not a member of a regular Craft Lodge, could not be installed as "Z." of the Chapter. If a candidate for membership in the Royal Craft must furnish evidence of his good standing, and he must be a Master Mason before applying for advancement and exaltation, it must be abundantly clear that one who is to rule the Chapter must possess equal status in the Craft. (Section 225).

Enquiry was made whether a Companion could occupy two elective offices in his Chapter at the same time. It was ruled, following the precedent of the Craft, that no Companion could occupy two offices in the same Chapter at the same time.

The Following Amendments to Chapter By-Laws Have Been Approved:

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER BY-LAWS

New By-Laws Approved:

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto, Ontario.

Amendments to By-Laws Approved:

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, Ontario.
St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London, Ontario.
St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario.
Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe Ontario.
King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne, Ontario
Sussex-St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, Ontario.
St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ontario.
Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Palmerston, Ontario.
St. Clair Chapter, No. 57, Milton, Ontario.
Lebanan Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, Ontario
Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ontario.
Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay, Ontario.
Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury, Ontario.
St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay, Ontario.
Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth, Ontario.
Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Port Elgin, Ontario.
Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow, Ontario.
London Chapter, No. 150, London, Ontario.
Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke, Ontario.
Klondike Chapter, No. 154, Dawson City, Y.T.
Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia, Ontario.
Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto, Ontario.
Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne, Ontario.
Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton, Ontario.
The St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, Toronto, Ontario.
The St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 238, London, Ontario.
Kirkland Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

It is interesting to note that a draft set of model By-Laws has been prepared and approved by the Committee on Laws and Jurisprudence and any Chapter in any doubt as to form or content of their own By-Laws may have a sample draft copy by applying to the Grand Scribe E's Office.

A great number of amendments this year were occasioned by the recent amendments to our Constitution. A further amendment to the Constitution is now being presented whereby any changes in Chapter By-Laws necessitated by the change of Constitution can automatically be effected by the Chapter concerned, without the usual procedure, but only notification of the changes made to conform with the amended Constitution will be required.

The past year has seen a remarkable activity in the presentation of Jewels for long service in Capitular Masonry. It has been my personal desire to present as many of these as possible, particularly the 50 Year Decorations, but the number of presentations and the wide geographic distribution of the recipients has made this impossible in many cases. The following is a list of the Jewels and those to whom they were presented:—

For Fifty Years Installed First Principal:
(Bar added to 25-Year Jewel)

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. James A. Phillips, 1899-1949.

Toronto-Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. William J. A. Lake, 1899-1950.

For Fifty Years A Royal Arch Mason:

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, Ontario—Comp. William Gill, 1892-1949; Ex. Comp. Walter T. Connell, 1898-1948.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, Ontario—Ex. Comp. William J. Barrie, 1899-1949. Ex. Comp. George H. Williams, 1899-1949.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph, Ontario — Ex. Comp. Charles Law, 1887-1949.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte, Ontario—Comp. John K. Kelly, M.D., 1898-1950.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine, Ontario.—Comp. Hugh Clark, 1895-1950. Comp. Stanley M. Hutcheson, 1899-1949.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, Kemptville—Ex. Comp. William W. Bobier, 1900-1950.

Toronto-Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, Ontario—Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. J. A. Lake, 1894-1950.

King Cyrus Chapter, No 119, Leamington, Ontario—R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Baker, 1897-1949

For Twenty-Five Years Installed First Principal:

St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4, Toronto—V. Ex. Comp. William Ash, 1924.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto—Ex. Comp. Harold B. Short, 1923.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock—Ex. Comp. James N. Jupp, 1925.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford—V. Ex. Comp Alex. Cameron, 1924.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood—Ex. Comp. Archibald McCall, 1924.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa—Ex. Comp. Daniel Ross, 1923; R. Ex. Comp. Charles C. Stenhouse, 1924.

Corinthian Chapter, No 36, Peterborough—Ex. Comp. D. D. Brown, 1924.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee—Ex. Comp. Edward James Corkill, 1921; R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Alexander James Wilson, 1922.

St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg—R. Ex. Comp Albert E. Challis, 1924.

Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth—Ex. Comp William J Moffatt, 1907; Ex Comp. Charles Aberhart, 1916; Ex. Comp. Francis James Burrows, 1917; Ex. Comp. Charles A. Barber, 1922; Ex. Comp. James G. Mullen, 1923.

York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto—Ex. Comp. John Argue, 1923; Ex. Comp. Arthur B. Dalby, 1924.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling—R. Ex. Comp. George D. Watson, 1924.

Mount Nebo Chapter, No 76, Niagara Falls—V. Ex. Comp. John R. Weare, 1924.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill—R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Arthur S. H. Cree, 1920

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto—Ex. Comp. George Carey, 1923.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor—Ex. Comp. Charles Roy Burridge, 1923; R. Ex. Comp. James B. Henderson, 1924; R. Ex. Comp. Ross R. Fleury, 1917.

MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden—R. Ex. Comp. William H. Hopper, 1923.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora—R. Ex. Comp. Nelson Schnarr, 1910; R. Ex. Comp. Hubert S. Galloway, 1915; Ex. Comp. James H. Colbert, 1917; V. Ex. Comp. Percy E. Baker, 1921; Ex. Comp. Watson Robertson, 1922; Ex. Comp. Thomas McConnachie, 1923; Ex Comp. Herbert S. Cade, 1924.

Toronto-Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto—Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, Jr., 1922; Ex. Comp. Fred C Becker, 1924

Tuscan Chapter, No 95, Sudbury—R. Ex. Comp. Harry M. Stephenson, 1924.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew—Ex. Comp. R. R. Fraser, 1924.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place—Ex. Comp. Abraham McFadden, 1924.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington—Ex. Comp. Alvin Bunn, 1923.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton—Ex. Comp. Stanford E. Boundy, 1924; Ex. Comp. Joseph S. Tranter, 1923.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque—Ex. Comp. E. C. Howard, 1924; Ex. Comp. William J. Dennison, 1923

Succoth Chapter, No 135, Uxbridge—Ex. Comp. Thomas C. Leask, 1925.

Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Jamieson, 1923.

The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto—V. Ex. Comp. Earnest E. Reid, 1923.

London Chapter, No. 150, London—R. Ex. Comp. Frank Harley, 1910; Ex. Comp. George Garrow, 1925.

Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg—Ex. Comp. G. E. Norman, 1924,

Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton—M. Ex. Comp. Reginald V. Conober. 1925.

Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia—Ex. Comp. Adam L. Church, 1924.

Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood—R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Loosemoore, 1924.

St. Alban's Chapter, No. 217, Toronto—R. Ex. Comp. John L. House, 1924.

Ulster Chapter, No. 219, Toronto—V. Ex. Comp. William Phillips, 1923.

Lebannon Chapter, No. 220, Lambton Mills—Ex. Comp. James F. Phillips, 1923.

Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham—Ex. Comp. William S. Hunter, 1924.

Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa—Ex. Comp. Milton E. Rous, 1924.

Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville—V. Ex. Comp. Harry J. Clark, 1924.

Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, Port Credit, Ontario—Ex. Comp. Harvey H. McNairn, 1922.

The St. Clair Chapter, No. 231, Toronto—R. Ex. Comp. James W. Woodland, 1924.

Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora—Ex. Comp. Sidney Davis, 1923; Ex. Comp. Frank R. Underhill, 1924.

Caledonia Chapter, No. 236, Caledonia—Ex. Comp. J. G. Duns, 1923

Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim—V. Ex. Comp. William L. Shillington, 1922.

University Chapter, No. 241, Toronto—V. Ex. Comp. A. A. Kinghorn, 1923; V. Ex. Comp. Hindman Irwin, 1924.

As regards the Distinguished Service Medal, the work of preparing these is now in hand, and those whose names are before the Committee of Awards, if approved, should receive their presentation and citation before next Winter.

Finances

After many years of planning and careful adjustment of the financial structure of Grand Chapter, there has now been constructed the frame work whereby the requirements for our activities have been adequately provided. With the increase in per capita tax approved last year, it has been possible to cover all the expenses of the year, with a surplus revenue of $998.58, instead of the budgeted deficit of $4,200.00. The expenditures from General Account of $22,540.79 and from the Benevolent Account of $1,126.48 total $23,667.27. It has been found a great advantage in the orderly conduct of our affairs to have the Life Membership Account set up on a separate basis from the General Account. The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund is now also set up separate from the General Funds, and the income therefrom earmarked for benevolent purposes only. It now relieves the General Fund of the undesirable deficit of the past.

Since the appointment of Most Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C., as Grand Treasurer, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, as Grand Scribe E., the threads of administration have been gathered together and the work of the Office progresses smoothly and efficiently. They were installed in office on November 18th at Grand Chapter Night in The St. Patrick's night by the G.Z. Our Grand Treasurer has served without honorarium or remuneration, and the Grand Scribe E., recognizing the situation caused by the sudden passing of Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, has given full time service at a greatly reduced remuneration.

This has permitted Grand Chapter to continue to the widow of our late Grand Scribe E., as a gratuity, his full monthly remuneration to the end of the Grand Chapter year as a practical indication of our sympathy in her sudden bereavement and our appreciation of her husband's long, faithful, and efficient services to Capitular Masonry. I ask the approval of Grand Chapter of my appointments in the emergency and the payment of these additional funds entailed by my direction.

An amendment to Section 81 of the Constitution is being proposed to regularize such appointments in an emergency in future.

I wish to record here my deep appreciation and personal indebtedness to Rt. Ex. Comp. John A. M. Taylor, our Grand J. who, at my request following the sudden passing of M. Ex. Comp.

Edwin Smith, stepped into the Grand Chapter Office and carried on the work there. He gave invaluable service and devoted practically his full time to the affairs of Grand Chapter in the emergency until Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred Johnson was appointed to take over the duties of Grand Scribe E. on October 1st.

To Miss Colling, the secretary in the Grand Chapter Office, I wish to express the thanks of all the officers, as well as the Companions of Grand Chapter, for her faithful and efficient services during this most difficult year, and for her steadfast loyalty in carrying on through all the changes in office routine which circumstances have imposed.

The $4,000 City of Hamilton 5% Bonds matured last year and the proceeds have been held uninvested to assist in financing Grand Chapter during the lean 11 months from February to January when there is practically no income from fees or dues although the expenses are about constant throughout the year. In order to compensate for this long gap in regular income, and to permit of the efficient investment of our funds, an amendment is being presented to require semi-annual returns by Chapters following the practice of Grand Lodge. This means that our Scribes E. will report their membership statistics with the fees to Grand Chapter as of June 30th and December 31st, just half the work each time and so lightening the year-end labour and detail both in the Scribe E's office and the Grand Chapter Office, and incidentally saving the Chapters 37½c on each member added after July 1st. The returns of officers, etc., will be made only once a year as at present.

Provision is being made in the Grand Chapter Office to hold in trust for the Chapters, such of their Life Membership funds as may be deposited with Grand Chapter as outlined in the adopted Report of 1948. Although this will entail a great deal of extra book-keeping for the Grand Scribe E., it would appear necessary if the individual Chapters having small amounts to invest are to operate their Life Membership Fund in conformity with the plans laid down in the Constitution.

The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund, which came to such a spectacular and successful fruition at last Grand Chapter Convocation in Ottawa, due to the terrific personal impact of our Most Ex. Comp. Fred Dean, has increased from $50,095.20 to $56,412.34 of which $56,172.65 is Capital not to be encroached upon as a perpetual Memorial, and $239.69 is unexpended interest.

Several Chapters and one District in acknowledgement of my personal request to the Grand Superintendents of the year, gave their memento of appreciation on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Z as a cash contribution to this Benevolent Fund and are thereby at least partially responsible for its very satisfactory increase during the year. M. Ex. Comp. Dean expressed the hope in his address to Grand Chapter that this Fund might ultimately reach $100,000, a sentiment which I most devoutly share, and will do what I can to encourage. I have also directed that $250.00 be set aside as a reserve against the unusual expenses likely to be incurred by our 100th Anniversary celebration, which I trust merits your approval.

Our most sincere thanks are due our Auditor, Ex. Comp F. A. R. MacFadden, C.A., for whom this has been an exceedingly heavy year, with increased attention and time necessarily devoted to our accounts owing to the sudden deaths in our official ranks. It is a great tribute to our departed Companions that he has found all the records up-to-date and in perfect order.

Many Chapters have been active in carrying on Welfare work in their communities. I have been very pleased with the report received from the Royal Arch Masons' Welfare Committee, District No. 8 and 8A, of Toronto, by the courtesy of Rt. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock, the Chairman. I have noted the continuation of their activities in transporting 733 underprivileged mothers and children in 121 cars during June, July, and August last year from the Toronto City Missions to and from their summer camp at Bronte, and the monthly visits to the Red Chevron Hospital bearing cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate bars, etc., but, most of all, the spirit of comradeship and good cheer, games and other entertainment, which make the evenings of their visits a much anticipated and long-remembered item in the long weeks which many of the patients have to spend in their rooms or within the confines of the Hospital. I commend this worthy work to the voluntary support and encouragement of all the Companions of these Districts and to all others who are interested in furthering this good work. Recently a very happy and profitable meeting was held with members of the Executive of the Welfare Committee and the Grand Z to consider suitable avenues of adequately and satisfactorily providing for their financial requirements for continuing and extending this work. To Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. K. Herd, who carries on as Chairman, we extend our very best wishes.

The Grand Chapter Committee on Benevolence has again earned our grateful thanks for their most capable and efficient care and attention to their duties. We are most fortunate in having at our service the wide experience and sympathetic good judgment of these devoted Companions.

Our Grand Superintendents have had a busy year and the reports generally indicate satisfactory progress. It has been a great regret that sickness has interfered in some cases with the carrying out of all the work which they would have liked to have accomplished. I sincerely appreciate their loyalty in the cause of the Royal Arch and sincerely trust that all of this company of faithful co-workers who have been suffering any disabilities will be restored to good health and vigour and, in laying down their reins of office at this Convocation, they may feel the thrill of work well done and the desire to be of every possible assistance to their successors and to Capitular Masonry in the years to come. The past year has been an active one, but, in the new year, it is my hope to have a much closer relationship with all the Grand Superintendents in order that, together, we may strengthen and consolidate the work in all the Districts and encourage all the Chapters to make every regular Convocation a real event in the lives of the Companions to which they will look forward with an eager expectancy, thereby creating the atmosphere in which our new candidates will thrive in appreciation of their high privilege in becoming part of the Royal Craft.

Surveying the progress we have made toward financial and constitutional stability, for we hope to have a revised Constitution for your approval at next Annual Convocation, and indebted as we are to the advance in our educational programme and appreciation of ritual uniformity and perfection made possible by the manuals prepared last year and issued by the Grand Z, Most Ex. Comp. Dean, which have had such a favourable reception throughout the Jurisdiction, the outstanding problem which faces us is that of membership. 20,000 Royal Arch Masons out of a jurisdiction of over 115,000 Craft Masons is far too few if we are to congratulate ourselves that we have fully appreciated the privileges and the duties involved in our Capitular Masonry. In Craft Masonry solicitation is barred by tradition and constitution, but in Royal Arch Masonry, those who appreciate Craft Masonry for its high moral teachings, for its way of life and the associations it offers in this

busy materialistic world, should be given the opportunity of finding, in Capitular Masonry, the answer to the craving for further knowledge of the enigma of life as Masonry teaches it. The intelligent Craft Mason must suspect that somehow the Almighty God in all the Sovereignty of His Power and Excellence must be at the centre of all man's searching and finding, if life here and eternity hereafter is to hold the satisfaction of fellowship with the eternal verities.

The true function of the Holy Royal Arch in the Masonic System, as I understand it, is to exemplify those spiritual values, without which the Brotherhood of Man will ultimately fail if it endeavours to depend on the human intelligence alone for its support and propagation. In Capitular Masonry the Craft Brother is brought face to face with the tremendous realities embodied and enthroned in the highest attainable conception of the Fatherhood of God, so that, with his life garrisoned by the spiritual consciousness of the OMNIPOTENCE, OMNISCIENCE, OMNIPRESENCE of the Father of all, the Royal Arch Mason is prepared to meet the problems and frustrations of modern living with full assurance that the Father—Lord, Word—Lord and Spirit—Lord is able to keep and to guard His ultimate purposes in the destiny of His children and to confirm their hearts in the knowledge of their brotherhood as children of the one great ineffable and eternal God and Father, whose Love embraces all, and who disinherits none of His children.

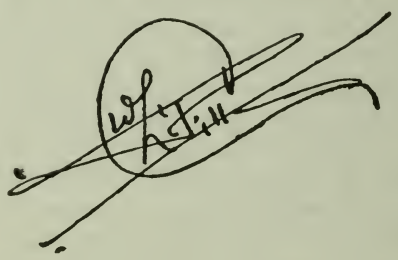
Let us then set our faces to a five year task or rather a lifelong task, of bringing into this fulfilment of Masonic expectancy, all those of our Brethren who earnestly seek after its truth. Let us so live and act in all the associations of life, in our community, in our tyled Lodges and Chapters, and in our homes, and in our Churches, that those who associate with us day by day will take notice that we have and are something with which they too would wish to associate themselves in a more intimate Companionship. And when these searchers after Masonic truth join our Chapters, let us demonstrate the full beauties of our ritual by interpreting it, not only in its symbolism but in its power to truly exalt the initiates. We seek in this life for light, to know the true Word, and to find the way of life which is eternal, and we can only find it in humility and unselfishness, fidelity to the right, and with the blessing of the Great Jehovah about Whom the universe turns.

It has been for me a year of great privilege, opportunity and experience. With a multitude of inescapable responsibilities in other activities to which I was obligated, to the direction of private business affairs which conditions conspired to make increasingly difficult, it would not have been possible to conclude the year were it not for the steadfast loyalty and support which I have received from my office staff in Ottawa, the patient understanding of my wife at home, and the helpful and faithful fraternal co-operation which has been accorded me by the officers and Past Grand Z's of this Grand Chapter, and of the Officers and Companions of the Constituent Chapters, as well as all those in the Masonic family outside the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction.

Providence has blessed me with health and with real friends for which I shall ever give thanks.

In this Report all reference to world affairs, difficulties, and misunderstandings, the clash of rival ideologies, and the stress and strain of economic, social and political conflicts have been purposely avoided. Ours is the prerogative to emphasize the "expulsive power of good," and to so dedicate and devote our powers and purposes in the propagation of the high principles for which Freemasonry stands, that there is no time, place or inclination to digress from the pathway of Masonic duty. Armed with the implements of labour to further our discoveries, and not forgetting the symbolism of the trowel and the sword, we know the future of Capitular Masonry is bright with promise, if we are heirs to the blessing as those who *"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the King."*

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,



Grand Z.

ADDENDUM:

Since writing this Report, on the unanimous recommendation of the Grand Chapter Executive, as required by Section 88A of the Constitution, as Grand "Z," I have conferred upon Companion James Patterson Maher, of York Chapter, R.A.M. No. 62 G.R.C. of Toronto, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, the rank of Past Zerubbabel for most distinguished service rendered the Craft and Freemasonry, his installation and investiture to be arranged by York Chapter, associated with Grand Chapter at a mutually convenient occasion.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the address of the Most Ex., the Grand Z. be referred to the Committee on the Grand Z's Address, to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1

Rt. Ex. Comp. Harold Melville Roach, Chatham, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District No. 1 nears its completion, it is with pleasure I submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry.

May I express my gratitude to the Excellent Companions of St. Clair District who honoured my Mother Chapter Wellington No. 47, by electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and I thank M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts for his confidence in confirming my election.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint V. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn R. Veale as my secretary. This choice proved to be a happy one, this officer performed his duties conscientiously, efficiently and pleasantly and I owe him my sincere thanks for his able assistance.

My thanks also to Rt. Ex. Comp. V. R. Weatherhead who faithfully accompanied me on all my visits and for assistance and guidance.

On behalf of the Companions of this District, may I extend our expressions of sympathy in the passing of our respected Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith. He was held in high regard by his Companions throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. His talents and ability were liberally devoted to his Royal Craft, and his influence will be long remembered.

Before proceeding further with this report, I desire to say that Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Ross Bourne, my immediate predecessor in office, gave me unstintedly, most helpful assistance, and his kindly advice proved of utmost value.

On Sept. 29th I called a Principals' Training course at which all but four chapters were present, in all about sixty attended. An exemplification, of the floor work in the Mark Master and the Most Excellent Master Degree was given the following a question and answer period. This was a most enjoyable evening.

A Divine Service was held on Nov. 6th, 1949, at the Temple

Baptist Church, Victoria Avenue, Windsor. A large number of companions attended and enjoyed an evening well spent in prayer and praise to the G.A.O.T.U., under the inspiration of Rev. H. A. Nobles, R.A.M.

On February 20th, 1950, I had the honour of introducing to the companions of St. Clair District M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts, Grand First Principal, on his official visit to Ark Chapter, Windsor. Accompanying him were Rt. Ex. Comp. John A. Taylor, Grand Third Principal, ,and Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, Grand Scribe E. M. Ex. Comp. Pitts gave a very inspiring address to over two hundred Royal Arch Masons. Many visitors were present from the State of Michigan, and this meeting was one of the finest ever held in the City of Windsor.

Visits of Inspection were made as follows:

May 26 MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, Ont.
June 20 Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown, Ont.
Sept. 2 Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg, Ont.
Sept. 14 Thomas Peters Chapter, No. 250, Windsor, Ont.
Sept. 16 Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne, Ont.
Oct. 3 Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Wallaceburg, Ont.
Oct. 5 Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim, Ont.
Oct. 12 King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, Ont.
Oct. 13 Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham, Ont.
Nov. 7 Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, Ont.

In every Chapter I was received with the dignity befitting the representive of the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, and was most hospitably entertained. In my opinion, the Manual of Instructions, issued by Grand Chapter, proved its usefulness as an authoritative guide. There appears to be a greater uniformity of work as a result of its use. Many expressions of approval of this brochure have been made to me by Principals and Directors of Ceremonies of the Chapters in the District.

It is gratifying to be able to report that in my opinion, the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District is encouraging. In every Chapter I visited there was evidence of sincere effort and apparent results from the conscientious efforts of loyal officers, past and present.

In conclusion, I express my very deep feeling of gratification to all Chapters for the kindness and co-operation which has been extended to me at all times. This has been a constant source of

inspiration and has done much towards enabling me to give the district the best possible service commensurate with my abilities and qualifications.

I am deeply sensible of the honour which has been mine the past year, and am convinced because of it and the knowledge gained that I am obligated to give greater service to Royal Arch Masonry, than at anytime heretofore.

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2

Rt. Ex. Comp. John H. Teasell, Grand Superintendent

My sincere appreciation is extended to the Companions of London District for the honor conferred and the confidence they placed in me by selecting me as the Grand Superintendent of this District, while my thanks is offered to M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts for concurring in and confirming their choice.

To Ex. Comp. Ernest L. Treitz, who was appointed District Secretary, I am grateful for the help and assistance he was pleased to give and for the excellent manner in which he performed his duties.

My predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Martin was also very kind on many occasions. Moreover the requirements of the office and the visitations were made most pleasant through the cooperation of the Companions of Wawanosh, No. 15, my mother chapter, and the spirit of friendship and kindness which permeated each Chapter in the District.

Of special interest and of more lasting benefit than one can possibly foresee are those memorable evenings when a chapter is privileged to be the host of another Chapter of the jurisdiction or when distinguished visitors are guests diffusing their knowledge and unconsciously exhibiting those talents with which they are endowed. Such evenings are a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who come within their sphere.

London District was greatly enriched by one of these gatherings when on June 11, 1949 St. George's Chapter, No. 5, was host to Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227. Here I had the pleasure of becoming more intimately acquainted with R. Ex. Comp. Roy Anderson, Grand Superintendent of Prince Edward District, No. 11.

When on January 28, 1950 Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, spon-

sored an international night, having as their guests distinguished Companions of this and neighboring Districts, Past Grand High Priests of Michigan and Ohio, also Most Ex. Comp. Frederick Dean and Most Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts.

A highlight of my term of office was the beginning of a friendship with Most Ex. Comp. Dr. Rossiter, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Western Australia, when he paid a fraternal visit to The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238. He was most cordial and gave a splendid address in which he compared what he learned of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario with that in Auustralia. I am certain that his report on arriving back home will be very complimentary to this Grand Jurisdiction.

In addition Palestine Chapter, No. 54, is promoting a Grand Chapter Night to be held on the evening of March 9, 1950, when Grand Chapter Officers will be conferring the H.R.A. degree. Although at the time of writing this event is still in the future, from the enviable record held by this Chapter I am confident that the evening will be a success by whatever standards it may be measured.

To maintain interest and infuse a loyalty to their Chapter, Wawanosh, No. 15, on January 13, 1950, held a New Members' Night on which the 1949 class provided an evening of entertainment and refreshment. It is expected that this will become an annual affair.

Although the degree work carried on by the Chapters of the District is very uniform and while the conduct of the meetings and the deportment of the Companions is very favorable a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple at London on June 17, 1949, ten Chapters being represented. The success of this meeting was due in large measure to the cooperation and assistance given by the late M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Rt. Ex. Comps. Alex Bradshaw, Thomas Martin, Bailie Stothers, V. Ex. Comp. S. M. Campbell and the Principals' Association of London District. The District is fortunate in having so many of its Companions actively interested in the welfare of the Order.

District Divine Service held in St. George's Anglican Church, Sarnia, on the evening of October 2, 1949, was well attended, the splendid address delivered by Bro. Canon F. G. Hardy being an inspiration to all. I heartily recommend these District Divine Services to all Districts as a valuable addition to those held by the individual Chapters.

I regret that, owing to impassable roads, I was unable to attend the service dedicating the Chapter room of Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, at Parkhill, November 21, 1949. This room recently occupied by the Chapter is ample in size, pleasing in appearance and should give Minnewawa Chapter that lift it so much deserves. Reports indicate that a very enjoyable evening was had in the company of M. Ex. Comp. Pitts and his Grand Chapter Officers.

Comp. George Williams of Wawanosh, No. 15, is proudly wearing the 50-year jewel presented to him by his Grand First Principal during a brief visit to Sarnia on October 20, 1949. At the same time a similar jewel was presented to Rt. Ex. Comp. W. J. Barrie, also of Wawanosh. However his enjoyment of this honor was very brief for, not in good health at the time, Rt. Ex. Comp. Barrie has since passed to his reward.

The sympathy of the District was extended to Vimy Chapter, No. 214, following the sudden death of their esteemed Scribe E., Very Ex. Comp. Foster W. Smith. This was great loss to our Companions but they are adjusting themselves very creditably.

On September 8th we were again saddened by the passing of Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Past Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. Royal Arch Masonry has lost a staunch and loyal supporter, his help and assistance will be greatly missed, especially in London District, in which he took so great an interest. We honour his memory and his influence carries on.

"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant."

An Official Visit was made to each Chapter on the date specified. On each of these the reception was cordial and the greatcst courtesy and respect paid to the representative of the Grand First Principal. As previously stated the degrees conferred in each constituent Chapter were worked as required, while an earnest desire was evident to promote the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

From the above resumé it should be evident that the objectives of the Institution are dear to the hearts of a great number of our Companions and that there is considerable activity throughout the District. The majority of the Chapters show an increase in membership. The prospects are bright.

Allow me again to express my sincere appreciation to our Companions for the great assistance and cooperation they have shown throughout my whole term of office.

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3

Rt. Ex. Comp. Willard Butler, Simcoe, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

It is with much pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitulary Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3.

First may I express my thanks to the Companions of Wilson District for the honour they conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to the M. Ex., the Grand Z Clarence M. Pitts for confirming the same.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Leo Challand as Secretary, an office which he has filled with entire satisfaction to myself and the Companions of Wilson District. I would like to express my thanks to the Officers and Companions of Regal Chapter and the other chapters in the district who accompanied me on my official visits.

On June 15th a Chapter of Instruction was held in Regal Chapter. The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified jointly by Oxford and Harris Chapters. There was a good attendance of officers of the district

Accompanied by my secretary I have visited all the chapters in the district at least twice. We also installed the officers in Regal, Ezra and Mt. Horeb.

My inspection visits were as follows:

Oct. 7 Mt. Horeb, Chapter No. 20, Brantford.
Oct. 13 Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.
Oct. 21 Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.
Nov. 9 Regal Chapter, No. 253, Port Dover.
Nov. 11 Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.
Feb. 20 Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.

I was most cordially received on all my visits. In all the chapters a degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner and all the chapters are in a healthy condition financially and fraternally.

On November 28th I had the honor of officiating at the Instituting of a new chapter at Tillsonburg. I am very pleased with

the prospects for the future of this, our baby chapter, in Wilson District.

My year has been a very pleasant one and I thank the Officers and Companions of the District for their co-operation and shall always treasure the fraternal friendships made during the year.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4

R. Ex. Comp. E. V. MacCormack, Georgetown, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

It is my honour to submit at this time my report regarding the Condition of Capitulary Masonry in Wellington District No. 4.

May I express my sincere appreciation to the Companions of Wellington District for the high honour they conferred upon me as the representative of Halton Chapter, in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent for the year 1949, and to the Grand Z, M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts for confirming the same.

Immediately following my election I appointed Ex. Comp. E. L. Arnold as Secretary, and I am indebted to him for his unfailing support during the past year.

On May 25th an informal meeting of the Principals of the District was held in Halton Chapter, Georgetown when all Chapters but two were represented. I deeply appreciate the inspiration afforded this meeting by the presence of the Grand J, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor.

The following is a list of my visits of Inspection:

Oct. 4 Ionic Chapter, Orangeville.
Oct. 7 Kitchener Chapter, Kitchener.
Oct. 11 Enterprise Chapter, Palmerston.
Oct. 14 Guelph Chapter, Guelph.
Oct. 21 Prince Edward Chapter, Shelburne.
Nov. 15 Preston Chapter, Preston.
Nov. 17 Waterloo Chapter, Galt.
Nov. 18 Halton Chapter, Georgetown.
Nov. 24 Durham Chapter, Durham.

On all my visits of Inspection I was received with great respect and courtesy and with two exceptions the work was of a very high calibre.

Without detracting from the efforts of any Chapter I feel special mention should be made of the well-nigh perfection of the work of Guelph Chapter where the Royal Arch Degree was conferred in an inspired manner.

I feel that the Chapters in the District are progressing favourably and with the earnest efforts of all the Officers can look forward to further progress.

During my visits I ran across one condition which I feel is true to a greater or lesser degree in every Chapter and must be remedied if we are to accomplish all that we should in Capitulary Masonry. The Officers and many members of Craft lodges sometimes feel that if their members join a Chapter they are lost as active members to the Lodge, and so they discourage their members from becoming Royal Arch Masons. The solution to this problem is for the Royal Arch Masons to maintain an active interest in their Lodges, and I would appeal to the Royal Arch Masons of Wellington District to support in every way possible their Lodges and in so doing bring about a closer co-operation between their Chapter and their Lodge.

In conclusion, may I once more express my thanks to the Companions of Wellington District for their courtesy and support and for the opportunity of being of some small service to Royal Arch Masonry in Wellington District.

May the Royal Arch continue active in this District and bring to every Chapter happiness and prosperity in the future.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO 5

R. Ex. Comp. John Hmilton Lee, Stoney Creek, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

It is a pleasure for me to submit for your consideration, my report on the conditions and activities of Royal Arch Masonry in Hamilton District No. 5.

I wish first, to express my appreciation to the Principals and Past Principals of the Chapters in the District for electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the M. Ex., our Grand First Principal for confirming the same.

My first act was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. Morley Spera my

secretary to whom I extend my sincere thanks for the efficient manner he performed those duties and his loyal support. He accompanied me on all my visits except one, which on account of a fractured arm, R. Ex. Comp. L. F. McDougall kindly acted in his stead.

In accordance with Grand Chapter requirements, I convened a joint meeting of all the Principals of the Hamilton District No. 5, in the Chapter room of the Masonic Hall in Hamilton on June 22nd. There was a fair representation from the Chapters and many points of instruction were explained about the various degrees, the internal management of a Chapter, as well as the co-operation and discussion of my schedule of visits and the Annual District Divine Service to be held, after this a light lunch was served. I am indebted to V. Ex. Comp. Claude Lloyd and the Principal's Association for the success of this meeting.

The Schedule of my visits was planned so that a country Chapter would accompany me to a city Chapter, and vice versa, and also that each home Chapter would confer a degree. The three degrees were equally distributed so that the country Chapters could witness a degree in the city, and the city Chapter could see how the country Chapters did their work. This, no doubt, created a friendly competition with beneficial results to all.

My inspection visits were as follows:

Sept. 23 Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, Ontario.
Oct. 3 Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton, Ontario.
Oct. 13 St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario.
Oct. 18 The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton, Ontario.
Oct. 20 St. Clair Chapter, No. 175, Milton, Ont.
Oct. 27 Caledonia Chapter, No. 236, Caledonia, Ontario.
Nov. 14 McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek, Ontario.
Nov. 15 Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster, Ontario.
Nov. 16 White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville, Ontario.

I was properly received with a warm welcome in each Chapter as the representative of the Grand First Principal, and the loyalty towards Grand Chapter was expressed by all the Companions.

I endeavoured to impart to the Companions some of the main lessons of the degree that had just been conferred, and to stimulate a desire for Masonic knowledge, and also the responsibilities of all

Royal Arch Masons; to have their work uniform, and whenever I suggested any change to conform with the Constitution, it was gladly received. I also stressed the importance of encouraging friendly visits with neighbour Chapters.

The Companions in the District expressed their sympathy upon the sudden passing of our Grand Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and our Grand Scribe E. M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith. The proper prescribed period of mourning was observed by each Chapter.

District Divine Service was held in the Stoney Creek United Church Nov. 16th, in the evening. The representative attendance registered 72, and Rev. Bro. Fred J. Baine gave us a splendid message. I was pleased to have M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean with us that evening.

I had the privilege of visiting each Chapter more than once during my term. I was the guest of Hiram Chapter on their annual exchange of visit to Oxford Chapter No. 18 in Woodstock, Ontario, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

I was the honored guest at the Installation ceremony of St. Clair Chapter officers when R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor was the installing Z assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, Grand Scribe E. R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark and Wm. J. Shaw, Hamilton, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Rowney and the Past Z's of the Chapter. I also attended the Installation of officers in Hiram Chapter, and a joint installation in St. John's Chapter for St. John's, Ancaster and Caledonia Chapters by R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Worral. I officiated in the installation and investiture of McKay Chapter Officers. I also conducted elections in three Chapters.

Since Caledonia Chapter lost nearly all they owned in the disastrous fire, they have met in the Eastern Star hall, but recently have moved in with St. Andrews Lodge No. 62, in a leased building they have remodelled and will have comfortable quarters soon. The sincerity and co-operation among these Companions, for the welfare of their Chapter will forge them along to become one of the brighest and foremost Chapters in the District. It may not be possible for them to have their Chapter room dedicated during my term.

During the past year some of the Chapters suffered loss by death of Companions, among those was St. John's Chapter whose

third principal Ex. Comp. George Parsons was taken suddenly; a very capable and energetic officer. Also V. Ex. Comp. Fred Stephenson after a lingering illness.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 5, is quite favorable, and on a sound basis. There has been an increase in membership, and most of the Chapters have petitions in hand with work waiting now. In some instances I have recommended the fees or dues be raised up to a higher level. All the Chapters are in a good financial position now and have adequate insurance protection against fire loss.

Finally, it has been a pleasure for me to serve as Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District No. 5. The friendship and kindness by the Companions on every occasion shown to me, I shall always treasure and never forget.

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6

R. Ex. Comp. William H. Roope, Goderich, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

I respectfully submit herewith my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Huron District No. 6.

First may I record my sincere appreciation to the Companions of the District who so kindly elected me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to the M. Ex., the Grand First Principal for his confirmation of same.

To Ex. Comp. Ogle Miller who gave unstintlingly of his time and energy and who accompanied me on most of my visits goes my sincere thanks.

It was my pleasure, one I will always remember, in making my visits of inspection, which were as follows:

May 9 St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's, Ontario.
June 17 Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine, Ontario.
Oct. 14 Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel, Ontario.
Oct. 17 Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth, Ontario.
Oct. 18 Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, Ontario.
Nov. 1 Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, Ontario.
Nov. 15 Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, Ontario.
Nov. 25 Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow, Ontario.

Dec. 6 Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell, Ontario.

On Sunday, June 12th a large number of Companions of the District attended Divine Service at Knox Church, Seaforth. This service was pre-arranged by my predecessor, Rt. Ex. Comp. Dalton Reid, and a very impressive message was delivered by Rt. Ex. Comp. Very Rev. Chas. H. MacDonald, Grand Chaplain, Rt. Ex. Comp. Reid taking part in the Male Quartette, which rendered some fine selections.

On March 3rd I had the great pleasure of representing the Grand First Principal in presenting a fifty year jewel to Comp. Hugh Clark, of Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine, who received his Royal Arch Degree in 1895. The presentation was followed by a banquet and many congratulations extended to Comp. Clark, who made a fitting reply by reminiscing of earlier days of Royal Arch Masonry.

On my visits of inspection I was properly received and accorded the honours due the Representative of the Grand First Principal.

Degrees being conferred in all but one Chapter which did not have a candidate, but satisfied me of their efficiency to confer Degrees.

The increase in membership in Huron District is quite favourable and prospects in all Chapters look good for the future.

As my term of office is too short to accomplish all I would like to do, I will give my utmost to keep Capitular Masonry second to none, in Huron District No. 6.

In closing, I express my thanks to all those who helped to make my term of office a pleasant and educational memory.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas R. Jackson, Fort Erie, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

I herewith present my Report as Grand Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7 on conditions of Royal Arch Masonry in the above district for the year 1949-50.

First I wish to express my deep appreciation to all who supported me in my election and also pay tribute to my efficient secretary Ex. Comp. Wm. Rostron.

No one could have been more courteous and conscientious in performing the duties of that office and due to his untiring efforts, my work was exceedingly pleasant.

My visits of inspection were as follows:

Oct. 6 King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne, Ontario.
Oct. 14 Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, Ontario.
Oct. 21 Mt. Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
Oct. 26 Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, Ontario.
Nov. 4 Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.
Nov. 21 McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, Ontario.
Nov. 28 Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville, Ontario.
Dec. 7 Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby, Ontario.
Dec. 13 Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie, Ontario.

On all my visits I was received in proper form and was indeed gratified with the loyalty expressed to Grand Chapter by all the Officers of every Chapter.

On each of my Visits I was fortunate to have a degree conferred and the Officers with a few exceptions were very proficient in their work. All the Chapters are receiving applications and the financial standing of each Chapter is very encouraging.

On November 24th I called a Lodge of Instructions at Welland, being very fortunate of having Rt. Ex. Comp. French to address the gathering.

One of the highlights of my term was to form a team consisting of Companions of my Chapter and journey to Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway November 3rd to work the Master Mason degree on my Son.

In conclusion, I shall always be in possession of happy memories of my term of Office, and I hope that in the future I may be as kind and thoughtful to others as my Companions have been to me.

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 8

Rt. Ex. Comp. Leith L. Querie, Toronto, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

I have the honour to present my report on Toronto East District No. 8, and first of all I wish to express my thanks and

appreciation to the respective Chapters, Principals, and Past Principals, who honoured my Chapter and myself at the last Convocation, when they elected me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and I also want to thank M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts, the Grand First Principal, for his confirmation of my election to that high office.

My first duty was to select Ex. Comp. W. C. Micks, as my Secretary, and I wish to express my most grateful thanks to him, and my regrets because of the illness he suffered which necessitated my asking Ex. Comp. W. Scott to take over, and I am not unmindful that if success has attended my endeavours so far, that much credit is due these two Excellent Companions.

I arranged a meeting in accordance with the Constitution, of the Principals of the District, and at this meeting quite a number of subjects were brought forward and discussed, which were beneficial to the District, one of which was to arrange, for schools of instruction in all the three Degrees, and I would like to thank the various Chapters, for their co-operation in this respect.

My Schedule of Inspections was as follows:

May 13 York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto, Ontario.
May 20 Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora, Ontario.
Oct. 3 St. Andrews and St. John Chapter No. 4, Toronto, Ont.
Oct. 4 University Chapter, No. 103, Toronto, Ont.
Oct. 5 Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, Ontario.
Oct. 12 Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto, Ontario.
Oct. 13 Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge, Ontario.
Oct. 21 The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, Ontario.
Oct. 27 King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, Ontario.
Nov. 7 The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto, Ontario.
Nov. 9 St. Pauls Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ontario.
Nov. 16 St. Albans Chapter, No. 217, Toronto, Ontario.
Nov. 23 Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, Ontario.

On my official visitations, I was properly received in a most cordial, and courteous manner, and was deeply impressed by the loyalty expressed and demonstrated toward Grand Chapter, and I am glad to say that I found the work was done in such a manner by the officers of the various Chapters, as to reflect credit to the District.

I also attended eleven of the thirteen Chapters, at their Installation and Investiture of officers, and I wish to congratulate the Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers, and Past Principals, who conducted the Installation ceremonies, in a very capable and efficient manner. I had the pleasure of attending St. Alban's Installation, under the direction of Rt. Ex. Comp. John L. House as installing Z, when he was presented with his twenty-five year Past Principal's Jewel, by Rt. Ex. Comp. John A. M. Taylor, Grand Third Principal.

I attended three chapters where I had the pleasure of meeting M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, our Grand First Principal, at York Chapter on their Seventy-Fifth Anniversary, and at The St. Patrick Chapter on their Grand Chapter night, when our Grand First Principal, with the assistance of Present and Past Grand Chapter officers, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Again at Occident Chapter where District 8A tendered a reception to our Grand First Principal. I am sure the Companions, who were present on these occasions, gained much inspiration from the wonderful addresses given by our Grand Z.

The Royal Arch Welfare Committee, under the leadership of Ex. Comp. Elmer Woolcock, is doing noble work for a good cause, and merits the support of both Toronto Districts.

The Principals Association of both Toronto Districts report another successful year, and the annual dinner under the direction of the President V. Ex. Comp. Robert Somerville was an outstanding event. This Association has given me much advice and support for which I am truly grateful.

The St. Clair Chapter held a reception for M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Rossiter, Grand First Principal of Western Australia, and I had the honour of representing Toronto District 8, on that occasion.

I attended Toronto District 8A's Divine Service which was held at Brampton under the supervision of Rt. Ex. Comp. Orton T. Walker, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District 8A.

The annual Church Service of District 8, was held at Eglinton United Church on March 19th and was conducted by Ex. Comp. Dr. W. J. Johnston, who is the First Principal of The St. Patrick Chapter, and to him, his Board of Stewards, and congregation, I express thanks on behalf of the District.

Schools of instruction were held as follows:

SUCCOTH CHAPTER, Sept. 8th, 1949 H.R.A.
UNIVERSITY CHAPTER, Nov. 1st, 1949 M.E.M.
YORK CHAPTER, Nov. 11th, 1949 M.E.M.

I thank these Chapters for their co-operation.

There have been a number of deaths throughout the District during the year, but there has also been a decided increase of new members in almost every Chapter. I can report a larger membership throughout the District as a whole.

In conclusion may I suggest that there might be more inter-chapter visitation. This proved lacking during the early part of the year, but I am glad that during the latter part there has been a decided change which I hope will continue to the benefit of the District.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, NO. 8A

Rt. Ex. Comp. Orton T. Walker, Brampton, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

Appreciation—To the Grand First Principal for his confirmation of my election; to the Chapter representatives of Toronto District 8A for their acclamation; to the Grand Chapter officers for their co-operation and assistance; to the Principals, Officers and Companions of all the Chapters for their courtesy, loyalty and kindness; to Ex. Comp. R. W. Hall, my secretary, for his splendid assistance and co-operation at all times; to Rt. Ex. Comp. Leith Querie, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District 8 for the companionship that exists between our two districts.

A very successful district meeting was held in May with all the Chapters of Toronto District 8A represented. We had a full discussion in regard to instructions and conditions throughout the district. Many helpful suggestions were offered by the Companions.

During the year, it was my privilege to attend a number of special meetings, 25th Anniversary of Humber Chapter, Members' Nights and others of note. It was my happy privilege, on behalf of the M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, to welcome M. Ex. Comp. Dr. John L. Rossiter, Grand Z of Western Australia, to Toronto District 8A and to The St. Clair Chapter in December. The Officers and

Companions exemplified perfectly the Mark Master Mason's Degree. M. Ex. Comp. Rossiter, in his comments on the degree, explained some of the differences in the work here as compared to Australia and was very gracious in his thanks for the opportunity given him by our Grand Z to see this degree.

The highlight of my year was the District Reception to M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, our Grand Z., at Occident Chapter, February 10th. M. Ex. Comp. Pitts gave us a splendid explanation of the three degrees in Royal Arch Masonry and their relationship to Craft Masonry and Scripture. This was a real treat for the Companions, also his address at the banquet table was an inspiration to all. Most Ex. Comp. Pitts presented Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover with his 25 year Past Z Jewel, also a 50 year jewel to R. Ex. Comp. W. J. A. Lake.

All the Chapters of Toronto District 8A were officially visited and reports sent to the Grand Scribe E and to each First Principal with a letter of encouragement and suggestions to aid their respective Chapter. Throughout the District I was forcibly impressed with the sincerity and efficiency of the Companions in the degree work, and their genuine desire to give the proper interpretation of the degree to the candidate. This has been a good year for Royal Arch Masonry as the membership has been considerably increased by exceptionally fine candidates.

The loyalty and devotion of the Companions was proven by the splendid attendance at the District Church Service at Grace United Church, Brampton, on a very stormy Sunday evening. The Companions are to be complimented, also Rev. Richard Davidson who preached an excellent sermon.

Ex. Comp. R. W. Hall reports that the books and records of all the Chapters in Toronto District 8A are well kept and up-to-date and that all information requested was readily available. He also reports that a healthy financial condition prevails and that the average attendance is increasing but could be improved by a real live companionship and attendance committee.

The Royal Arch Welfare work for mothers, underprivileged children and veterans is commended.

Schools of Instruction were held at Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton, to confer M.M.M. Degree; Shekinah Chapter, No. 138,

Toronto to confer M.E.M. Degree; Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Lambton Mills to confer the H.R.A. Degree. V. Ex. Comp. J. B. Wallace gave three excellent papers on Masonic Education. He and the three chapters are to be complimented.

Recommendations—That Grand Chapter send to each Chapter, Masonic Education relative to the meaning of each degree. That this education include an efficient method of teaching the proper pronunciation of words in our work. That Grand Chapter prepare, print and distribute a Manual for Masonic Instructors and Students. This manual should include history, legend, drama, symbolism of the various parts of our degrees, scripture and interpretation, signs and meaning of same, suggested books for students to read, topics for short talks, landmarks, questions and answers.

Masonic education should be of the type that will teach men the way of living harmoniously in a changing world. Masonic degrees and the ability to deliver lectures is of little avail unless the individual has acquired the ability to put into practise their teachings both socially and spiritually, not only in the Chapter but in every day living.

Man's fear of his fellow man is the greatest danger in the world because man has not learned to know and live trusting his neighbour. There are only two pathways. The path of destruction and the path to harmonious living and the wider vistas of moral and spiritual life.

Peace will come when every citizen in every community realizes, understands and respects the other man's beliefs, rights and privileges. They are as dear to him as ours are to us.

Therefore, the solution to this great and important problem lies within the individual. All that is unfair and unjust must be eliminated and we must earnestly endeavour to understand the needs, aims and aspirations of all others. Self respect, courtesy and integrity represent something that cannot afford to be lost.

As Masons, we are called upon to create companionship and brotherhood not only in the Chapter and amongst the Companions, but toward every individual with whom we come in contact. Companionship and brotherhood is the sublime objective for us. The mere fact of conferring degrees and assembling around a banquet table in companionship and doing nothing

about it in the outside world is not consistent with the teaching Royal Arch Masonry affords us. Our Companionship should be extended to the home, our civil and spiritual life. Not only to those of our community but throughout the democratic world.

Our security rests not on material things but on the spirit of the people, on understanding, not fear; sense, not sensation; faith, not futility. Royal Arch Masonry is a wonderful philosophy. Promulgated in many lands through many years, it has created for us a heritage of which we can be justly proud, and as heirs of this noble heritage let us take stock of our stewardship. Let us apply the principles delineated in the Great Plan of the Divine Architect to enable the building of a temple of lasting peace.

Combined with the influence of the Church of the Living God in its widest sense, and the influence of the home at its finest and best, the spirit of Masonry, as exemplified by its obligations and symbolisms which are reiterated in every degree, can do much towards teaching men to live in peace and harmony with his fellowman. To accomplish our portion of this mighty work, we, as Companions, must cultivate unselfishness. We must be sincere. Hypocrisy must have no part in us. There must be peace in the household of the faithful. Friendships cannot be spoiled by trifling differences. *Masonry must be lived. It can be. It is a way of life.* Believing in each other, having faith in God and in each other, envy will be stifled, discord destroyed, avarice avoided and the desire for vengeance will be overcome. Thus and only thus can peace and security be the portion of every man, regardless of race, colour or religion.

When Masonic endeavour and education can raise men to this high level, then we will as a Masonic body engrave on the tablets something which will brighten all eternity.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9

R. Ex. Comp. William H. Work Wiarton
Grand Superintendent

I have the honour to present my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Georgian District No. 9.

May I first express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour conferred upon me by the Companions of Georgian District

in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent; also to M. Ex. Comp. Pitts for his confirmation of my election.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Gordon G. Sinclair as Secretary. This officer performed his duties efficiently and conscientiously; accompanied me on all my official visits; and I owe him my sincere thanks for his able assistance.

On June 1st I invited the Principals and Scribe E's of the district to dinner in Barrie. This meeting was exceptionally well attended, all Chapters being represented. Afterwards, at the round table conference, the meeting was thrown open for discussion. Grievances were aired, suggestions made and commented on, and general items, such as ways and means of improving attendance and holding interest discussed. This get-together was most harmonious, and served as a splendid entree to later official visits.

On all my official visits I was most cordially received and the expressions of loyalty to the Grand First Principal and to Grand Chapter was most gratifying. In all cases, degree work was exemplified—and with one exception, and portrayed in a very creditable manner. The over-all picture of the district is fair, candidates are being received. Chapter decorum good, finances in all cases in fair condition. I would suggest, however, more inter-chapter visitations, better functioning of committees, a greater effort to procure and properly instruct new candidates. In short, more candidates, more enthusiasm, better leadership, and a greater appreciation and understanding of this great fraternity, to which we are indeed most fortunate to belong.

My year has been all too short, but it has been a very pleasant and enjoyable one and it is my hope that in my own small way I may have contributed something to the good of Royal Arch Masonry.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10

R. Ex. Comp. Walker H. Inch, Port Hope
Grand Superintendent

Another Chapter year is drawing to a close, and it is with pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District No. 10. First, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Companions of Victoria Chapter No. 37, and the Principals of this district for the honor

conferred upon me in electing me to the high office of Grand Superintendent, also to M. Ex. Comp. Clarence Pitts our Grand First Principal for his confirmation of my election.

On behalf of the Companions of the district, we extend our heartiest Congratulations to Most Excellent Companion Clarence Pitts on being elected and installed, Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, and may his term of office be an enjoyable one and leave with him many pleasant memories.

It was my pleasure as a first act, to appoint Ex. Comp. Mark P. Wickett, as my Secretary. He accompanied me on my visits, gave me very great assistance and has been most courteous in performing his duties.

My first duty upon returning to my district was to notify the Scribe E. of each Chapter, advising them of the appointment of Ex. Comp. Wickett as my Secretary, and also requesting them to suggest dates for my Official visit.

Ontario district being a very large territory, it seemed advisable, in order to meet all Principals, to have a Chapter of Instruction. This year two such meetings were held. The first one at Peterborough on May 27th when Corinthian Chapter was the host for the Northern section and they exemplified the Mark Master Mason Degree. At Port Hope on June 10th. Victoria Chapter exemplified The Royal Arch Mason Degree for the Southern Section. At the conclusion of the Degree work discussion took place and instructions were issued.

I greatly appreciate the assistance and advice given by Rt. Ex. Comp. Robt. S. Cotton of Corinthian Chapter.

The following is a record of the Inspection Visits, viz.;

June 7 Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa
Sept. 21 King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington
Sept. 27 St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg
Oct. 14 Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope
Oct. 17 Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford
Nov. 4 Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne
Nov.7 Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth
Nov. 21 Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville
Nov. 25 Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough

Dec. 9 Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby
Dec. Midland Chapter, No. 91, Lindsay

On every occasion I was received most cordially with Grand Honours and was given a real warm welcome as the representative of the Grand First Principal.

At each visit a Degree was conferred and the work performed in an efficient manner. Officers in the District are sincere and concientious in their work and eager to accept any suggestions offered. The Manual of Instructions issued by Grand Chapter in 1947 has in my opinion proved its usefulness as an Authoritive guide, which is shown in the uniformity of the work throughout the district, creating a desire to give correct emphasis on the wording in the floor work and lectures, and conveying the real meaning of the Degrees.

One or more visits were made to each Chapter and it was gratifying to note the enthusiasm amongst the Officers throughout the District, especially in the inter-Chapter visitations with exchange of work. On occasions officers have mentioned they have adopted ideas, which they learned while visiting, thus creating interest both in the Chapter-room and banquet hour, and it is hoped when the younger officers assume the responsibilities of the Chapter they will continue the inter-Chapter visitations.

The increase in membership is most gratifying, and I emphasized the necessity of maintaining interest of the newer members so that the attendance at the meetings increase accordingly.

An important event of the year was the Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of Victoria Chapter, No. 37 at Port Hope. We were highly honoured and greatly pleased to welcome a visit from our greatly esteemed M. Ex. Comp. Clarence Pitts, Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean, Immediate Past Grand Principal, who gave inspiring addresses at our banquet.

At Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Comp. Hutcheson, Havelock Chapter, was presented with a 50 year Jewel by Rt. Ex. Comp. A. H. Wilson.

The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund was mentioned on all occasions and am happy to announce that while some Chapters have reached or passed their quota, others are still working

on it and trying to reach their objective as soon as possible.

A number of Chapters of the district have found it necessary to raise their annual dues, some have raised their Exaltation Fee, made necessary by higher costs.

I would like to pay tribute to my predecessors for the great work which they have done and are continuing to do in their district Chapters throughout the district. Capitular Masonry in this district is in a healthy condition and all are striving to maintain the highest standard.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Ex. Comp. Walter Price, Grand Treasurer, and M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E. whom we loved so well.

In closing I wish to thank all the Companions throughout Ontario District who have in many ways contributed to the work of the past year. To the members of Victoria Chapter I extend my warmest thanks for their support on my visits.

While the past year has been a heavy one, the friendships I have formed throughout the district and in Grand Chapter have made it the Outstanding year of my life.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 11

Rt. Ex. Comp. M. Roy Anderson, Belleville, Ont.
Grand Superintendent

It affords me great pleasure to present my Report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11. May I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the various Chapters of the District, especially to my Mother Chapter, Quinte Friendship No. 227, for selecting me as Grand Superintendent to represent the Grand First Principal in this District, and to M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts for confirming my election.

My first duty was to select an Ex. Comp. as my secretary, and Ex. Comp. Frank Walker kindly accepted, and very ably assisted me at all my visits.

On May 19 I invited the First Principals of the District also the Immediate Past Grand Superintendent to a meeting in the Masonic Club Rooms in Belleville, to impart instructions and

information from Grand Chapter, also to select suitable dates for Inspection Visits of their Chapters. This meeting was well attended and much discussion took place, after which I took them to dinner, which had been arranged.

The following is a record of the Inspections Visits:—

Sept. 20 St. Marks Chapter, No. 26, Trenton

Sept. 21 Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee

Sept. 26 Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc

Oct. 4 Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville

Oct. 17 Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton

Oct. 27 Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling

Nov. 29 Presqu'Ile Chapter, No. 144, Brighton

Dec. 12 Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville

Our District had many Chapter Visits both out of, and in the district.

On May 18, I visited Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, when they were Hosts to Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, whose members conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree. I made presentations of 25 year Past Principals Jewels to two of their own Past Principals Ex. Comp. E. J. Corkill Z. in 1922, and Ex. Comp. A. J. Wilson Z. in 1923.

June 11. Officers and members of Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227 travelled to London to visit St. Georges Chapter, No. 5 and exemplify the Holy Royal Arch Degree. We received a welcome long to be remembered from the Officers of St. Georges Chapter, also Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and Rt. Ex. Comp. John H. Teasell, Grand Superintendent of London District No. 2.

Sept. 10. A feeling of profound sorrow passed over the District when word came of the sudden and untimely passing of two of our esteemed Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand First Principals, in the persons of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E., and Walter Garnet Price, Grand Treasurer, to the Grand Chapter above.

"One by one we miss the voices
That we loved so well to hear;
One by one their kindly faces in the
darkness disappear
No one knows the door that opens
Through which they pass beyond recall;
Soft as loosened leaves of roses,
One by one our loved ones fall."

Oct. 24. Presqu'Ile Chapter, No. 144, Brighton to Madoc Chapter, No. 161, who presented the travelling Triangle to Presqu'Ile Chapter for work well done.

Nov. 1. Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31 to Moira Chapter, No. 7.

Dec. 12. At the inspection of my Mother Chapter, Quinte Friendship, No. 227, I was asked to honor two of our Past Rt. Ex. Comps. by presenting them with 25 year Past Principals Jewels—Rt. Ex. Comp. Frank S. Chesher and Rt. Ex. Comp. Harry J. Clarke.

Jan. 3. Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227 met with Moira Chapter No. 7 for a Joint Installation of Officers for 1950.

Feb. 13. Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227 had Present and Past Grand Officers night with Rt. Ex. and Very Ex. Companions of the District as Officers.

March 7. Moira Chapter, No. 7 and this District was honored by the presence of M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, Clarence MacLeod Pitts of Ottawa. He presented a 50 year Past Principal Jewel to one of Moira's Past Principals Rt. Ex. Comp. James A. Phillips.

M. Ex. Comp. Pitts was accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, Grand Scribe E., and many other Grand Chapter Officers.

March 14. Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling, visited at Presqu'Ile Chapter and was presented with the travelling Triangle. I was present on most all of these visits.

I have visited the Chapters of my District and the work is uniform. The District shows a great increase in membership, and has enjoyed one of its most prosperous years. The prospects are good for the future.

On all occasions I was received properly, with dignity befitting the representative of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, and with a spirit of Friendship and Brotherly Love.

I most heartily thank Rt. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, Member of the Grand Executive, and Ex. Comp. Earl Lidster, Principal of Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227 who accompanied me on all my Official Visits, also all the other Rt. Ex. and Ex. Companions of the District for their co-operation and help during my term of office, which I consider the most happy year in my masonic career.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12

R. Ex. Comp. Cecil D. Beckett, Kemptville
Grand Superintendent

It gives me great pleasure to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry, in St. Lawrence District No. 12.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the Principals and Past Principals of the Dist. for the great honor they conferred on me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts for confirming the same.

My first official duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Don Hyndman as my secretary, he accompanied me on most of my visits, and has given me every assistance and support.

On may 30th I called a meeting at Kemptville, of the Principals of the Chapters in the Dist., at which four of the Chapters were represented, to convey to them the instructions received at Grand Chapter, I also asked that the Chapters try and increase the membership in the Dist. by fifty.

It was my pleasant duty to attend the International Night at Cornwall, when Covenant Chapter, No. 113, was host to the Companions of the Dist., Massena Chapter, No. 300 N.Y. and Companions from many points in New York State. It was also our great privilege to receive our Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts, also the Grand High Priest of the State of New York, M. Ex. Comp. Chas. Samson, both of whom were accompanied by several of their Grand Chapter Officers, this was a night long to be remembered and makes us feel how much Masonry is doing to cement the ties that bind our two great Nations.

My visits of inspection to each Chapter was as follows:—

Oct. 3 Sussex-St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 59, Brockville.
Oct. 19 Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall
Oct. 21 St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg

Nov. 9 Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott.
Nov. 18 Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston
No. 29 Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.
Dec. 12 Maitland Chapter, No. 68, Kemptville.

At each of my visits a degree was conferred by the Officers of the Chapter, in a very creditable manner, and I found them all very proficient in their work. On all occasions I was received in due and proper form, befitting the representative of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal.

As noted at the beginning of this report I asked for an increase in membership of fifty, at the close of the calendar year 1949, was pleased to learn that our District, had a net increase of fourty-eight, which I consider very good indeed.

On Fri. Mar. 17 accompanied by Mrs. Beckett I attended the annual At Home of Sussex-St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 59, which proved to be a great success.

Our annual Church service will be held in Kemptville to St. James Memorial Church, on April 23, where the Rector Bro. Bev. Canon A. G. Wakelin will conduct the service and deliver the sermon.

In conclusion I wish to thank all those who assisted me and made my duties most pleasant, from the courtesy and consideration given to me. I am positive this District will continue to turn out, GOOD WORK, SQUARE WORK, work such as we have orders to receive.

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 13

Rt. Ex. Comp. John Middleton, Grand Superintendent

It gives me great pleasure to submit my report on Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District during the past year. First, I would express my grateful thanks to the Principals and Past Principals for the high honour of my election, and to the Most Excellent First Principal for his confirmation of the same.

Rt. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid very kindly accepted my invitation to act as my Secretary. His knowledge of masonry and of the Ottawa District was a constant source of inspiration to me.

In accordance with the constitution, I met all the Principals

of the various chapters within sixty days of my election at meetings in Ottawa, Arnprior, Renfrew, Vankleek Hill and Perth. These preliminary meetings are of the greatest value, for they give the Chapters and the Grand Superintendent an opportunity of becoming acquainted.

My visits of inspection were as follows:

Sept. 2 Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell
Sept. 15 Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke
Sept. 19 Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew
Sept. 23 Glengarry Chapter, No. 163, Maxville
Sept. 29 Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa
Oct. 3 Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior
Oct. 7 St. John's Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill
Oct. 13 Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte
Oct. 19 Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa
Oct. 20 Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth
Oct. 21 St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smith Falls
Nov. 2 Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.

An event of great pleasure and importance to the Ottawa District was the Convocation of Ottawa Chapter No. 222 on May 26th, when M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts was tendered a reception by his own chapter. There were a large number of companions present from the other chapters of the district to do honour to our Most Excellent Companion who has rendered such distinguished service to masonry in general and the Royal Craft in particular. M. Ex. Comp. Pitts occupied the Chair of Zerrubbal and, together with the officers who filled the chairs of Ottawa Chapter when he was First Principal, Conferred the Royal Arch Degree.

Another event of outstanding importance to me was the celebration on November 16th of the 90th anniversary of Carleton Chapter No. 16, my own Chapter, and the mother Chapter of the Ottawa District. There were over 300 Royal Arch Masons present, not only from Carleton Chapter, but from every Chapter of the district. In addition, there was a splendid deputation from Fairmont Chapter No. 14, G.R.Q. in the City of Montreal. The distinguished guests included M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, our own Grand First Principal; M. Ex. Comp. Arthur J. Osgood, P.G.Z. representing M. Ex. Comp. Norman D. Hill, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; M. Wor. Bro. and V. Ex. Comp. L. F. Crothers, Grand

Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; Rt. Wor. Bro. T. Earl Walker, District Deputy Grand Master of the Ottawa District of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario; Wor. Bro. J. Raymond Macfarlane, Worshipful Master of Dalhousie Lodge No. 52 G.R.O., the mother of Carleton Chapter; Em. Sir Knight S. M. Steeves, Presiding Preceptor of the Ottawa Preceptory; Bro. and Comp. T. D. Clarke, Hamilton, I.P.G.M. of the Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, A.&A.S.R.; and Bro. Orion E. B. Low, M. W. S. of the Ottawa Rose Croix Chapter, A.&A.S.R.

At this anniversary celebration, twenty-four brethren were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. At the banquet table Ex. Comp. Archie B. Casselman, the First Principal of Carleton Chapter presented M. Ex. Comp. Pitts with a cheque for $62.00 for the Victory Benevolent Fund of Grand Chapter, being $1.00 for each companion received into Carleton Chapter during 1949.

While I have mentioned these two special convocations of Ottawa and Carleton Chapters, I desire also to express my appreciation of the wonderful work that is being performed in nearly every chapter of the district. It is difficult to make comparisons, and I am most happy to report that there have been increases in almost every chapter. Some of the chapters which some seven years ago were having difficult times, are now prospering. Notably among these are Glengarry, Granite, Prince of Wales, Bonnechere and Maple. The increases in membership will be found in the Grand Scribe E.'s summary. I am also glad to report that a number of newly exalted companions are in office and doing splendid work.

In conclusion, I would express my deepest feelings of gratification to the Royal Arch Masons of the Ottawa District for all the kindness shown to me at all times.

ALGOMA DISTRICT,, NO. 14

R. Ex. Comp. Bruce F. Warner, Fort Frances, Ontario
Grand Superintendent

On September 28 accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comp. J. W. Walker and Ex. Comp. Sundin I paid my official visit to Golden Chapter at Kenora, Ontario.

We were given a proper reception and although no degree was

conferred, an enjoyable evening was had by all. A lunch was served in the anteroom by the committee. This chapter is in excellent condition financially as well as in membership and with a number of new officers of exceptional promise.

On Friday, November 4 Ex. Comp. Sundin and myself paid a visit to a joint meeting of Fort William and Shuniah Chapters held in Fort William Temple.

We were met at the train by several Companions and were royally entertained all through the day. That evening we were properly received and after a short address by the Grand Supt. the meeting was opened for discussion on the ways and means of holding a district meeting. Several differences of opinion between Grand Chapter and the Local Chapters were discussed by the members present. Both of these chapters are in sound financial condition and each have a large number of Past First Principals to assist their officers.

On February 16 we visited Atwood No. 149 at Rainy River with a number of the Companions from Fort Frances. This chapter is gradually recovering from the loss it sustained when fire destroyed their lodge rooms. Their financial prospects are good with a number of new candidates and will gradually recover from their loss.

On March 14 I visited my home Chapter Alberton No. 152. The M.E.M. degree was conferred on a group of nine candidates by Ex. Comp. Freeberg. This work was done in a very efficient manner and the Junior Officers are to be congratulated. While at present Alberton Chapter has very few Past First Principals due to many being transferred away from Fort Frances, the Junior Officers have taken over in a very efficient manner so that the prospects for the work being conferred in the proper manner are excellent and, of course, Rt. Ex. Comp. Walker is still very active and able to advise them.

Your Grand Superintendent was unable to visit Golden Star at Dryden, Ontario, having been transferred to Minneapolis, Minnesota. during his term of office. We would like to recommend that arrangements for official visits to this part of North Western Ontario by Grand Chapter Officers be continued. We realize that the distance is great and appreciate the efforts in the past.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 15

R. Ex. Comp. P. A. Coates, Sudbury, Ontario, Grand Superintendent

It affords me great pleasure to present to you my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in New Ontario District No. 15.

First I wish to express my appreciation to the Companions in the District who so kindly elected me to the high Office of Grand Superintendent, and to the Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts for his approval of my appointment.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Isaiah Smith as my secretary. For his efforts I express my appreciation. I found his co-operation and advice most helpful. I would express my thanks to Rt. Ex. Comp. C. B. Deeks who was with me on most every occasion and I found his presence a tower of strength.

I made my first official visit to Algonquin Chapter No. 102 at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. October the 14th 1949, I was pleased to have Rt. Ex. Comp. C. B. Deeks and Comp. E. J. Cleland accompany me on this visit. I found the Officers most efficient in their work, the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in a very able manner, and was followed by a pleasant Social hour in the banquet hall.

On the 22nd of October 1949, I had the pleasure of attending a field day for the District held in St. John's Chapter No. 103 North Bay, Ont. which was a great success. The Mark Master Degree was conferred by St. John's Chapter, the Most Excellent Master Degree by Algonquin Chapter, and the Royal Arch Degree by Tuscan Chapter. On this occasion we had the honour of a visit from the Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts, his message being very instructive.

On November 3rd it was my privilege to be received on my Official visit in St. John's Chapter No. 103 North Bay, as this was shortly after the field day held there a few days previous no degree was conferred, but I was received most cordially, as the representative of the Grand First Principal.

It was my very great privilege to visit my mother Chapter, "Tuscan Chapter" of Sudbury on November the 8th. I was accompanied into the Chapter by two of the Past Grand Superintendents. No degree was conferred on this occasion, but can speak very highly

of the Officers of this Chapter having seen them perform on numerous occasions.

With regard to Pembroke Chapter of Mattawa, Ont., after the effort that Rt. Ex. Comp. Stewart of North Bay made to get this Chapter going I had little hope of getting any results during my term of office, but to satisfy myself I made a trip to Mattawa on the 26th of February of this year. I found that there are only Three members living in the Town which of course makes it impossible to hold any convocations until new members are secured.

In summing up in District No. 15, Capitular Masonary is in a most satisfactory condition, all Chapters have very efficient Officers. Work is of a high standard, their financial position is good, with the exception of Pembroke Chapter.

My message to the Companions of this District dealt with the founding of Grand Chapter and the lessons to be derived from the Degrees, and in closing I most heartily thank all the Companions of the District for their loyal support and co-operation, which has made my term of office most pleasant.

YUKON DISTRICT, NO. 17

R. Ex. Comp. C. H. Chapman, Dawson City, Yukon
Grand Superintendent

I regret that my report may be late but sickness in my family and pressure of other business have made it unavoidable, but I am pleased to report that in general the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District is very good. Replying to your letter I am enclosing a copy of the only Grand Superintendent's report made this year.

Membership is increasing steadily. Klondike chapter has exalted Two Royal Arch Masons and has four others started for this year. Yukon Chapter U.D. Whitehorse has six new members in addition to the original thirteen.

Attendance at meetings in Whitehorse has and will continue to be good. Klondike Chapter is still having great difficulties in getting sufficient members for a quorum due to transportation over great distances. The interest of the Companions in the Chapter and its work continues, especially amongst the Companions at Whitehorse. The new Chapter there has made remarkable progress.

The Degrees have been conferred and the Companions have made

practically all the Chapter Furniture and regalia required. Fraternal Visits are not possible in this district due to the high cost of transportation and the distances involved. The Financial position of both Klondike and Whitehorse U.D. will be very good.

Capitular Masonry in the Yukon district is in a healthy condition and while fraternal visits of Lodges and Chapters are not possible, due to weather, distance and condition of roads it is not possible to hold every meeting as called for in the bylaws. The interest of the members in the work of the Chapters remains at a high standard. Just as Klondike Chapter was formed in the Gold Rush days of 98 by the pioneers, so now has Whitehore Chapter U.D. been formed in the new Alaska Highway terminal of Whitehorse.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Districts be referred to the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS PRESENTED

R. Ex. Comp. Harold Melville Roach	St. Clair District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. John Herbert Teasell	London District No. 2
R. Ex. Comp. Willard Butler	Wilson District No. 3
R. Ex. Comp. Edward Valentine MacCormack	Wellington District No. 4
R. Ex. Comp. John Hamilton Lee	Hamilton District No. 5
R. Ex. Comp. William Henry Roope	Huron District No. 6
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Robert Jackson	Niagara District No. 7
R. Ex, Comp. Leith Longmore Querie	Toronto East District No. 8
R. Ex. Comp. Orton Todd Walker	Toronto West District No. 8A
R. Ex. Comp. William Harold Work	Georgian District No. 9
R. Ex. Comp. Walker Hector Inch	Ontario District No. 10
R. Ex. Comp. Maitland Roy Anderson	Prince Edward District No. 11
R. Ex. Comp. Cecil David Beckett	St. Lawrence District No. 12
R. Ex. Comp. Percival Aylmer Coates	New Ontario District No. 15

Most Ex. Comp. Pitts conveyed to each Grand Superintendent, his official representative during the past year, his appreciation for a job well done.

Grand Chapter was called from Labour at 1.15 p.m.

Grand Chapter was called on at 2.30 p.m.

SCRUTINEERS OBLIGATED

Most Ex. Comp. Reginald V. E. Conover, O.B.E., obligated the Scrutineers as to faithfully performing the duties of their office.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Warrants desires to report that Tillsonburg Chapter No. 255, U.D. at Tillsonburg, Ontario, was instituted Nov. 28th, 1949 with 17 petitioners; On April 1st, 1950 they had a membership of 41.

The Grand Superintendent of Wilson District No. 3 in which this Chapter is located, reports that the officers of this Chapter are capable of performing their duties, that the books and records are regularly kept, that they have the proper regalia and equipment for the conferring of the Capitular Degrees, and recommends that they should receive their Warrant at this Annual Convocation.

Your Committee therefore recommends that a Warrant be granted to Tillsonburg Chapter of Wilson District No. 3 and to be numbered 255 on the Grand Register of Grand Chapter.

YUKON CHAPTER AT WHITEHORSE, YUKON DISTRICT NO. 17

Your Committee recognizing the distance of this Yukon Chapter from Grand Chapter, and also that this Chapter "under dispensation" wishes a warrant.

Note that the Grand Superintendent of Yukon District has not communicated the necessary information required to date under the Constitution of Sec. 157 and 161 of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada, recommends that the granting of a Warrant to Yukon Chapter be referred to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, to be issued when satisfied, that conditions of the Constitution have been complied with.

Fraternally Submitted,
M. Roy Anderson, Chairman
Harold M. Roach
C. D. Beckett
Richard Wilson

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

It was moved by Rt. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. M. Roy Anderson, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts the Grand Z. exercised his prerogative and granted the Warrant to Yukon Chapter No. 256 Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:

I submit herewith statement of receipts and disbursements for the period March 1st, 1949 - February 28th, 1950:—

RECEIPTS

Balance March 1st, 1949		$ 5,511.70	
Received from Grand Scribe E on account of dues, fees etc.	$20,515.85		
Interest on Investments	1,945.00		
Bank Interest	6.74		
Transfer from Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	1,100.00		
Chapters' Life Membership Fund	68.19		
Insurance refund	4.60		
Sundries	.95		
		23,641.33	
Investment matured—City of Hamilton		4,000.00	
			$33,153.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolence — Grants	$ 1,050.00		
Benevolence — Inspection	50.00		
		1,100.00	
Expenses — Office Grand S. E.			
Compensation — G.S.E. (E.S.)	2,310.00		
Compensation — G.S.E. (F.J.J.)	1,041.65		
Salary — Office Assistant	1,300.00		
Rent	748.60		
Telephone	127.59		
Postage	155.00		
Stationery	54.29		
Office Expenses	25.00		
Office Supplies	35.12		
Petty Cash	350.00		
		6,147.25	
Honourarium—Grand Treasurer (W.G.P.)		83.32	
Fraternal Correspondence		300.00	
Audit Fee		300.00	
Bond Premium & Insurance		31.25	
Printing — Grand Chapter Proceedings	2,171.18		
Printing — General	622.05		
		2,793.23	
Travelling Expenses — Grand Z	1,783.24		
—I.P.G.Z.	250.00		
—General	151.58	2,184.82	
Grand Convention Expenses (1949)	2,105.75		
Grand Executive Expenses (1949)	1,308.07		
		3,413.82	

Education & Instruction		246.67	
Flowers		57.35	
Jewels & Engraving		444.60	
Library — Compens. Librarian	100.00		
Expenses	15.53		
		115.53	
Meeting Canadian Grand Chapters		368.49	
Regalia — I.P.G.Z.	178.20		
Regalia Repairs — Grand H.	160.00		
		338.20	
Testimonial — I.P.G.Z.		350.00	
Gratuities		1,679.00	
Sundries		17.70	
Supplies for sale:—			
Constitutions	907.20		
—Scribe E. Registers	501.44		
		1,408.64	
Transfer to Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund		60.68	
			21,440.55
Balance February 28th, 1950			$11,712.48
Savings Bank Balance Feb. 28th, 1950	2,907.86		
Current Bank Balance Feb. 28th, 1950	10,093.10		
Undeposited in transit	1,082.39		
Transfer from Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	279.06		
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	1,464.75		
		15,827.16	
Less outstanding cheques		4,114.68	
			$11,712.48

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Balance March 1st, 1949		1,430.80	
RECEIPTS			
Transfer from General Fund re 1948-1949 accts.	89.00		
Interest on Investments	900.00		
Bank Interest	7.93		
Commutations received	570.00		
		1,566.93	
			$ 2.997.73
DISBURSEMENTS			
1949 Life Membership Dues transferred to General Fund		2,934.75	
			2,934.75
Balance February 28th, 1950			62.98

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance as at March 1st. 1949		307.10	
RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	6,077.45		
Interest	1,396.75		

Received from General Fund	60.68		
		7,534.88	
			7,841.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to General Fund re 1948-1949 Accounts		407.04	
Transfer to General Fund re 1949-1950 Benevolence		1,100.00	

INVESTED

Purchase Dom. of Can. Bonds	4,000.00		
Premium	40.00		
Accrued interest	30.58		
		4,070.58	
			$ 5,577.62
Bank Balance and Cash in transit as at Feb. 28th, 1950			$ 2,264.36

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. BURDEN,
Grand Treasurer.

Examined and Verified,
F. A. R. MACFADDEN, C.A.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved,—That the Statement of the Grand Treasurer for the year 1949 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I present herewith the Annual Report of Cash Receipts and Ledger Balances for the Fiscal Year ending February 28th, 1950, also comparative Statement of Membership for the past five years as of December 31st.

MEMBERSHIP

December 31	Net Increase	Life Members	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths
1945 — 17087	499	3947	980	84	64	117	116	396
1946 — 17624	537	4047	1027	69	55	130	112	372
1947 — 18456	832	4096	1325	79	59	136	117	378
1948 — 19319	856	4049	1317	107	52	132	60	428
1949 — 20060	748	3913	1322	86	48	154	113	441

ANNUAL STATEMENT

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

March 1st, 1949 to February 28, 1950

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debit Balance Feb.28/50	Credit Balance Feb.28/50
1.	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui	331.25	10.50	
2.	The Hiram	146.00	4.50	
3.	St. John's, London	165.50		
4.	St. Andrew & St. John	129.90	102.75	
5.	St. Georges	277.00		
6.	St. John's Hamilton	197.70		
7.	The Moira	190.95	10.00	
8.	King Solomon's	299.70	1.15	
15.	Wawanosh	183.40		
16.	Carleton	453.00		1.00
18.	Oxford	117.50		
19.	Mount Moriah	186.75	9.00	
20.	Mount Horeb	131.80	2.50	
22.	Grenville	77.65		
23.	Ezra	160.50		
24.	Tecumseh	283.55		
26.	St. Mark's	78.00		
27.	Manitou	100.75		
28.	Pentalpha	182.50		
29.	McCallum	84.40	.90	
30.	Huron	134.25		
31.	Prince Edward	182.25		
32.	Waterloo	115.50		
34.	Signet	64.75	.75	
35.	Keystone	85.50		
36.	Corinthian	274.75	7.50	
37.	Victoria	117.25	15.00	
40.	Guelph	171.50		
41.	Harris	95.75		
44.	Mount Sinai	84.25		
45.	Excelsior	52.75		12.00
46.	St. James	60.25		
47.	Wellington	152.80		
48.	St. John's, Cobourg	97.75		
53.	Bruce	92.40		
54.	Palestine	227.50		
55.	Niagara	74.00		
56.	Georgian	57.40		.60
57.	King Hiram	47.25		
58.	Pembroke			
59.	Sussex-St. Lawrence	338.90	10.00	
61.	Granite	114.75		
62.	York	124.25		
63.	Havelock	70.25		
64.	Willson	157.25	4.25	
65.	St. Paul's	79.30		
66.	The Malloch	109.00		.90
67.	Enterprise	80.50		
68.	Maitland	139.25	25.75	

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
69.	Grimsby	63.25		
71.	Prince of Wales	139.25	4.50	
72.	Keystone	62.75		
73.	Erie	99.75		
74.	Beaver	60.00		
75.	St. Clair	60.50	58.50	
76.	Mount Nebo	50.50		
77.	Occident	244.75		
78.	Minnewawa	52.25	2.25	
79.	Orient	131.75	8.50	
80.	Ark	172.95		
81.	Aylmer	150.00	104.00	
82.	Shuniah	303.50		
83.	Ionic	75.30		
84.	Lebanon	135.50	103.50	
88.	MacNabb	103.75	93.75	
90.	Golden	199.50		4.00
91.	Toronto-Antiquity	169.25		
94.	Midland	114.50	21.75	
95.	Tuscan	242.75		
102.	Algonquin	247.50	15.00	
103.	St. John's North Bay	127.50		
104.	White Oak	92.15	82.00	
110.	Warkworth	36.75		
112.	St John's Morrisburg	107.00		
113.	Covenant	186.50		
114.	Bonnechere	67.05	9.00	
115.	Brant	107.25		
116.	Maple	58.25		
117.	Kitchener	177.00		
119	King Cyrus	110.00		
129.	Elliot	105.00		
130.	Chantry	38.50		
131.	Amabel	71.00		
132.	Leeds	90.25		
133.	St. Francis	199.50		
134.	King Darius	38.25	38.25	
135.	Succoth	50.00		
138.	Shekinah	152.05	89.25	
140.	Fort William	161.50	10.00	
143.	Glengarry	39.75		
144.	Presqu'Ile	72.00	3.50	
145.	The St Patrick	316.75		
146.	Bernard	96.50		
147.	Lucknow	45.75		
148.	St. John's Vankleek Hill	116.75		
149.	Atwood	58.75		
150.	London	164.45		
151.	Laurentian	89.50		
152.	Alberton	127.00		
153.	Sombra	107.25		
154.	Klondike	93.75	40.25	
155.	Ancaster	71.50	61.50	
161.	Madoc	134.25		15.00
163.	The Beaches	115.25		
164.	Lorne	89.50	4.00	

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
167.	Kichikewana	122.50	111.75	
168.	Ionic	163.75		
169.	Temiskaming	77.25	7.50	
175.	The Hamilton	136.00		
184.	High Murray	64.80		
195.	Peel	96.00		
198.	Couchiching	140.40		
203.	Cobalt	41.05		
205.	Victoria	51.00		
210.	Kitchener	28.75		
212.	Mount Sinai	199.65	9.60	
213.	Northern Lights	84.75	3.25	
214.	Vimy	72.25		
215.	Mimico	104.65		
217	St. Albans	104.90	4.50	
218.	Prince Edward	53.25		.75
219.	Ulster	75.00		
220.	Lebanon	96.00		
221.	Durham	34.25		
222.	Ottawa	236.65	.15	
223	Abitibi	44.75		
224.	Keystone	103.90		
225.	Beaver	91.30	72.00	
226.	Prince of Wales	146.05		
227.	Quinte Friendship	176.25		
230.	Port Credit	98.85		
231.	The St. Clair	242.15		
232.	King Cyrus	87.75		
233.	Oakwood	62.50		
234.	Halton	75.50	63.00	
235.	Aurora	81.75	1.50	
236.	Caledonia	75.00		
238.	The St. Andrew	167.50		
239.	Blenheim	98.00	16.25	
240.	Smithville	51.75		
241.	University	90.15		
242.	St. Paul's	66.25		
243.	McKay	96.65		
245.	Preston	54.75		
246.	Humber	92.25	18.00	
247.	Nilestown	84.50		
248.	Dochert	39.75		.50
249.	Palestine	98.00		
250.	Thomas Peter's	183.25		
251.	Kirkland	94.25	6.75	
252.	Hiawatha	202.25		1.50
253.	Regal	68.75		
254.	Golden Star	110.75	75.25	
U.D.	Tillsonburg	83.25		
U.D.	Yukon	85.25	85.25	
		18708.90		
	Grand Chapter Alberta			
	Grand Chapter B.C.	268.50		
	Grand Chapter Manitoba	74.70		
	Grand Chapter Saskatchewan	95.90		

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Debit Balance	Credit Balance
	Grand Chapter Quebec	43.75		
	Grand Chapter New Brunswick	95.00	5.00	
	Grand Chapter Nova Scotia	3.00		
	To Life M/Acct.	68.19		
	Interest Bond—2845.00; Bk. int. 6.74	2851.74		
	Sale of Bonds	4000.00		
	Transfer from Life Membership	1464.75		
	Victory Thanksgiving Ben. Fund transfer	1100.00		
	Insurance Refund	4.60		
	Sundries	.75		
		28779.78	1433.80	36.25
	Deduct Increase in Uncollected Account	1138.45		
		27641.33		

CASH RECEIPTS

For the Year Ended February 28, 1950

Registration for Exaltations	$ 3,935.00		
Dues	11,357.75		
Life Membership Dues	2,934.75		
Dispensations & Warrants	143.00		
		18,370.50	
Sales			
— Constitutions	974.40		
— The Work	1,016.75		
— Ceremonies	20.15		
— Demit Pads	8.00		
— Books of Marks	32.40		
— Scribe E Registers	83.25		
— Links	8.40		
— Manuals	2.00		
		2,145.35	
Bond Interest	1,945.00		
Bank Interest	6.74		
			1,951.74
Proceeds of Matured Investments		4,000.00	
Transfer from Victory Thanksgiving Ben. Fund		1,100.00	
Chapters' Life Membership Fund		68.19	
Insurance Refund		4.60	
Sundries		.95	
			$27,641.33

Examined and Verified,

F. A. R. MacFadden, C.A.

To the Scribe E's of the Constitution Chapters, please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind co-operation. You have expressed a very helpful attitude towards me. I want all the

Companions to know that the records as I found them were maintained in first class order by my predecessor in office the late M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith; his knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry has not been lost to us because his written records will live for many years to come, and the good companionship which he created as our Grand Scribe Ezra for twenty years will not be forgotten in this generation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1949 be received and adopted.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To the Most Excellent Companion, Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, Temple Building, Toronto, Ontario.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR:

I present herewith my Annual Audit report of the Financial Affairs of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada for its fiscal year ended February 28, 1950, consisting of the following statements and my comments thereon:

Exhibit "A" —Balance Sheet as at February 28, 1950.

Exhibit "B" —Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account for the year ended February 28, 1950.
—Investments as at February 28, 1950.

Schedule "1"—The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund as at February 28, 1950.

Schedule "2"—The Life Membership Fund as at February 28, 1950.

COMMENTS

Balance Sheet

The Petty Cash Fund was counted from time to time during the fiscal year. The Cash in Transit was received subsequent to February 28, 1950. The Cash in Bank was verified by the certificate of your bankers as at February 28, 1950 and all the bank transactions for the fiscal year ended on that date were examined. The Cash in Bank includes the proceeds from the $4,000 of City of Hamilton Debentures which matured in 1949.

The accounts receivable from the constituent Chapters as at February 28, 1950 were verified by direct reference to the Ruling First Principals of the respective Chapters. The annual returns from the Chapters for the calendar year 1949 have been examined and compared with the records of the Grand Scribe E. All of the transactions with the Chapters for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1950 were reviewed.

The inventories of supplies were taken by actual count and priced at cost and found to be in agreement with the perpetual inventory records.

The investments listed in Schedule 1 were examined by me on March 6, 1950. They are held in a safety deposit box in the Yonge and Queen Streets Branch, Toronto, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in the custody of any two of the following Officers of Grand Chapter: the Grand First Principal, the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

The several Reserves set up on the books of account of the Grand Chapter are listed in Exhibit "A" and the transactions in the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund and the Life Membership Fund for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1950 are set out in Schedule 2.

Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account—

The actual revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1950, as shown by the books of account, and the estimates of the Committee on Finance for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1950 are compared in Exhibit "B" and the balance over or under the estimates for each item shown. The year's operations resulted in a net revenue of $998.58 which has been credited to the General Reserve in Exhibit "A".

General—

During this fiscal year, I have examined the books of account of the Grand Scribe E. and of the Grand Treasurer on a quarterly basis and have made interim reports thereon to the Grand Z.

I shall be glad to furnish you with such further information as you may require, relative to my examinations or this report.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

F. A. R. MacFadden, C.A.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT FEBRUARY 28,1950

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Petty Cash Fund		$ 47.15
Cash in Transit	$ 2,826.20	
Cash in Bank	8,886.28	
	———	11,712.48

Accounts Receivable — Chapters	1,397.55		
Less — Reserve for Uncollected Accounts	139.75	1,257.80	
Accrued Interest on Investment		695.00	
Inventories of Supplies		1,093.51	
			$14,805.94
The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund—			
Cash in Bank and in Transit		2,264.36	
Investments		54,147.98	
			56,412.34
Life Membership Fund—			
Cash in Bank		62.98	
Investments		30,000.00	
			30,062.98
Investments			61,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures		530.76	
Less — Reserve for Depreciation		429.10	
			101.66
Grand Chapter Library			250.00
Regalia — Grand Council			75.00
			$163,207.92

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		$ 36.35
RESERVE		
Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	56,442.34	
Life Membership Fund	30,062.98	
Distinguished Service Medals	550.00	
Gratuities	500.00	
Centennial	250.00	
Chapters' Life Membership Funds	68.19	
		87,843.51
GENERAL RESERVE		
Balance — March 1, 1949	84,329.48	
Deduct — Transfer to Life Membership Fund	10,000.00	
	74,329.48	
Add — Net Revenue (Exhibit "B")	998.58	
		75,328.06
		$163,207.92

REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Balance over # or under
Fees	$ 3,600.00	$ 4,078.50	$# 478.50
Dues — Per Capita	8,000.00	12,096.00	# 4,096.00
Life Membership Dues	2,000.00	2,934.75	# 934.75
Dispensations and Warrants	100.00	217.00	# 117.00
Sale of Supplies		2,328.05	# 2,328.05

Interest	2.272.00	1,885.07	386.93
Total Revenue	15,972.00	23,539.37	# 7.567.37
Total Expenditure	20,172.00	22,540.79	# 2,368.79
Estimated Deficit	4,200.00		
Net Revenue		998.58	# 5,198.58

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditures		Balance over # or under
Grand Scribe E — Compensation	$ 3.960.00	$ 3,351.65		$ 608.35
Grand Treasurer—Honorarium	250.00	83.32		166.68
	4,210.00		$ 3,434.97	
Grand Scribe E—				
Office Assistant	1,300.00	1,300.00		
Rent	769.00	748.60		20.40
Telephone	136.00	131.44		4.56
Postage	350.00	297.74		52.26
Stationery	60.00	58.39		1.61
Office Expenses	105.00	86.21		18.79
Office Supplies	75.00	61.81		13.19
	2,795.00		2,684.19	
Foreign Correspondence—Reviewer	300.00		300.00	
Audit Fee	300.00		300.00	
Bond Premium and Insurance	35.00		26.65	8.35
Printing—Proceedings	2,000.00	2,171.18		# 171.18
—General	1,000.00	1,031.53		# 31.53
	3.000.00		3,202.71	
Travelling Expenses—				
Grand Z	1,500.00	1,783.24		# 283.24
I.P.G.Z.	250.00	250.00		
General	500.00	184.53		315.74
	2,250.00		2,217.77	
Expenses—				
Convocation	3.000.00	2,115.87		884.13
Executive Committee	1,332.00	1,308.07		23.93
Education & Instruction	500.00	246.67		253.33
Flowers	50.00	64.60		# 14.60
Jewels and Engraving	500.00	637.65		# 137.65
Lending Library	125.00	115.53		9.47

Canadian Grand Chapters—				
Meeting	500.00	368.49		131.51
Distinguished Service Medals	550.00	550.00		
Repairs—Grand H Regalia	125.00	160.00		# 35.00
Grand Z—Regalia	250.00	178.20		71.80
I.P.G.Z.—Testimonial	350.00	350.00		
Advisory and Sundry		36.30		# 36.30
Gratuities		1,679.00		# 1,679.00
	7,282.00		7,810.38	
Provision for				
Gratuities		500.00		
Centennial		250.00		
Uncollected Accounts		139.75		
Depreciation		53.08		
			942.83	# 942.83
Cost of Supplies Sold			1,621.29	# 1,621.29
Total Expenditure	$20,172.00		$22,540.79	# 2,368.79

INVESTMENTS

As at February 28, 1950

Dominion of Canada — 3% — 1960	$86,000.00
Dominion of Canada — 3% — 1963	3,000.00
Crown Trust and Guarantee Company — 3% — 1951	2,500.00
	$91.500.00
Less — Investments Shown Under Life Membership Fund	30,000.00
	$61,500.00

THE VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

INVESTMENTS

As at February 28, 1950

Dominion of Canada — 3% — 1966 (at par)	$14,200.00	
Add — Unamortized Premium	447.98	$14.647.98
Crown Trust and Guarantee Company — 2¾% — 1952		26,500.00
Canada Permanent Trust Company — 2¾% — 1952		13,000.00
		$54,147.98

THE VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

As at February 28, 1950

Balance — March 1, 1949	$50,095.20
Add—Contributions Received	6,077.45
—Interest Earned	1,366.17
	$57,538.82

Deduct — Benevolence — Grants	$1,050.00	
— Inspection	50.00	
— Amortization of Bond Premium	26.48	$ 1,126.48
Balance — February 28, 1950		$56,412.34

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

As at February 28, 1950

Balance — March 1, 1949		$21,519.80
Add—Investments Transferred from General Fund	$10.000.00	
—Interest on Investments at 3%	900.00	
—Bank Interest	7.93	
—Commutations Received	$ 570.00	$11,477.93
		$32,997.73
Deduct — 1949 Life Membership Dues		$ 2,934.75
Balance — February 28, 1950		$30,062.98

REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir:—

Your Committee on Printing submit the following analysis of expenditures for the year ended February 28, 1950:—

Proceedings and Postage		$2,171.18
Stationery	$ 58.39	
Supplies	61.81	
General Printing	1,031.53	
Education and Instruction	$ 246.67	$1,398.40
		$3,569.58

We respectfully request that the following amounts be placed at the disposal of the Committee:—

Proceedings	$2,200.00	
General Printing	700.00	
Music and Song Cards for Resale	$ 200.00	$3,100.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. HOUSE,

Chairman.

It was moved by Rt. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. John L. House, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Printing be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Committee on Investments reports the following:—

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 1950

		Par Value
Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, June 1 and December 1, due June 1. 1960. (Fully Registered))		$86,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, April 1 and October 1, due October 1, 1963. (Fully Registered)		3,000.00
Crown Trust & Guarantee Co., five-year Guaranteed Trust Investment, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, June 30 and December 31, due December 31, 1951. (Fully Registered)		2,500.00
		$91,500.00
Allocated to General Account	$61,500.00	
Allocated to Life Membership Account	30.000.00	91,500.00

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

Dominion of Canada Bonds, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly March 1 and September 1, due September 1, 1966.	$ 200.00
Dominion of Canada Bond, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly, March 1 and September 1, due September 1, 1966. (Fully Registered)	10.000.00
Dominion of Canada Bond, Interest 3%, payable half-yearly March 1 and September 1, due September 1, 1966, Callable September 1, 1961. (Fully Registered)	4,000.00
Crown Trust & Guarantee Co., five-year Guaranteed Trust Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable June 30 and December 31, due June 30. 1952. (Fully Registered)	20,000.00
Crown Trust & Guarantee Co., five-year Guaranteed Trust Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable June 30 and December 31, due June 30. 1952. (Fully Registered)	6,500.00
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, three-year Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable February 1 and August 1, due February 1, 1952. (Fully Registered)	5,000.00
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, three-year Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable February 1 and August 1, due February 1, 1952. (Fully Registered)	3,000.00
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, three-year Investment, Interest 2¾%, payable March 1 and September 1, due March 1, 1952. (Registered as to Principal)	5,000.00
	$53,700.00

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. Alex. Sollitt,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Investments for the year 1949 be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions—

DEGREE WORK AND MEMBERSHIP

It has been a pleasure to read the reports of our Grand Superintendents, which, without exception, report an increase in membership, as well as degree work of a very high quality, with credit given by most of the districts to the "Manual of Instructions," distributed in 1947, for this excellent degree work. Chapters of two districts found a need for drives for new members because of a lack of voluntary applicants. We wish them every success. Huron District No. 6 and Ottawa District No. 13 led our jurisdiction by each increasing their membership by approximately 10% with top score going to Carleton Chapter No. 16 in the City of Ottawa, the home of our Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts. Our total increase in membership this year is 748, which records a "slowing up" when compared to the increases of 856 in 1948 and 832 in 1947, but should not be too alarming, when we consider the ages of a high percentage of our companions who were exalted in 1919 and 1920.

ATTENDANCE

Most of our districts report one or more visits of our Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Pitts in the form of District Receptions, International Nights and Grand Chapter Nights. The success of these special meetings is, we believe, reflected in the increased attendance and interest of the companions referred to in most of the districts. Also, we are glad to note that our Immediate Past Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Dean has shown his continued interest and support, by his presence at many of these meetings.

EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

One Grand Superintendent recommends that Masonic Educa-

tion, relative to the meaning of each degree, be sent to each Chapter. We hope that this will be arranged by Grand Chapter, possibly through the Grand Superintendents at their Chapters of Instruction. Each District advises of one or more Chapters of Instruction being held with great benefit to those present and through them, to their Chapters. More attention has been given this year to the instruction of the junior officers and coaching the candidates between the degrees. More of this work should be done, particularly where the distances between Chapters are great. All our companions, (not only those newly exalted) require a complete knowledge of the secret work, when visiting a Chapter.

FRATERNAL VISITS, ANNIVERSARIES ETC.

We are, also, glad to report that the number of fraternal visits to confer one of the degrees is increasing. Church Services are becoming more general. Wawanosh Chapter No. 15 of Sarnia held a New Member's Night on January 13th, when their 1949 classes gave the other companions an evening of entertainment and refreshment. We feel sure that this meeting will pay dividends in the increased interest of all their Companions. We recommend a similar procedure to all Chapters, also, that similar groups carry their activities far into the future by conferring the degrees or part of them, periodically.

Carleton Chapter No. 16 of Ottawa celebrated their 90th anniversary in 1949, Victoria Chapter No. 37 of Port Hope their 80th, York Chapter No. 62 of Toronto their 75th and Humber Chapter No. 246 of Weston their 25th. This interesting history, when added to that of last year, advises us that Grand Chapter will very soon, again, be asked to grant the authority to add the gold numerals to the regalia of a few more of our older chapters, thus marking 100 years of continuous Chapter activity in our jurisdiction.

NEW CHAPTERS

We wish to welcome two 1949 Baby Chapters in our jurisdiction, Tillsonburg Chapter U.D. in Wilson District No. 3, with a membership of 41, thirteen of whom are by exaltation, whose prospects are ideal as to location, distance and enthusiasm, also, Yukon Chapter U.D. at Whitehorse in Yukon Territory, whose membership is 28. We feel that there is room for many more new Chapters and would like to hear of any further progress in forming new Chapters at Minden in Haliburton County and Kapuskasing in

Temiskaming District, where formation plans were reported last year but progress reports have not been made this year. We hope the interest of these two localities has not been lost.

We are glad to advise that the special visits of Grand Chapter officers in 1948 to St. James Chapter No. 46 at St. Marys, Prince Edward Chapter No. 218 at Shelburne and Durham Chapter No. 221, to help develop more interest in Chapter Masonry, have resulted in those Chapters contributing their full share toward the important 1949 increases in membership of Districts No. 4 and No. 6. We, heartily, congratulate these Chapters on this accomplishment.

Pembroke Chapter No. 58 in Mattawa is still dormant.

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund passed our objective of $50,000.00 before our last Grand Chapter Convocation with only slightly more than one-half of our Chapters reaching or passing their quotas. We can report, now, that small amounts are still being received from many of our Chapters and some advise they are actively engaged in reaching their quotas. Again, we ask that this fund be kept open until all Chapters have reached their quotas.

FINANCIAL POSITIONS

The following changes in the financial structures of our Chapters have resulted in a general improvement in their financial positions during the year:—

1. Passing of the motion of our Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Pitts, at our last Convocation setting the minimum fee for Exaltation at $30.00.
2. The voluntary raising of the rate for Exaltation by Chapters whose rates were higher than the above.
3. Increased membership through admissions and joinings.
4. Voluntary raising of the annual dues of many Chapters.

We hope the Chapters will continue to act on their own initiative to improve their financial positions, when necessary.

The large amounts reported as arrears of dues are again alarming. As in last year's report, we ask that each Chapter arrange to personally contact each Companion in arrears before the end of

each year. This procedure has proven to be effective and obviates the necessity of many suspensions, thus preventing a distortion of financial and membership positions.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Each of the four districts covering Ottawa, London and Toronto areas reports several fraternal visits to their Chapters by the Grand First Principal of Western Australia, M. Ex. Comp. Dr. John L. Rossiter, who was in Canada for two months visiting relatives. We are sure that those companions, who heard his addresses, will agree that he was very interesting as a speaker and in his comparisons of their degree work with ours. Also, that he will always find a welcome in the Chapters he visited.

DEATHS

Each of the districts, reports the great loss felt by the deaths of M. Ex. Comps. Edwin Smith, our late Grand Scribe E. and Walter Garnet Price, our late Grand Treasurer. This committee wishes to join with them in our feeling of great loss in the deaths of these two prominent Chapter Masons. Also, in the recent accidental death of the Chairman of the Committee on Warrants and dispensation, R. Ex. Comp. Charles William Powers of Ottawa.

JEWELS

We wish to congratulate the many recipients of Long-Service Jewels—"For Fifty years a Royal Arch Mason" and "For Twenty-éve years an Installed First Principal." We pray that our older officers and members will be granted many more years to see and enjoy prosperity in our Chapters.

SUMMARY

We summarize this report by saying that the general condition of our Chapters is good, and our degree work is excellent, but we, again, call your attention to our need for new Chapters, higher membership in our present Chapters, increased attendance and the coaching of all candidates between the degrees.

"Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow-man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

All of which is fraternally submitted,

P. A. Coates
E. V. MacCormack
W. H. Work
W. B. Stothers, Chairman

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Bailie Stothers, and—

Resolved—That the Report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry for the year 1949, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Four notices of motion to amend Subsection 1 of Section 84; Section 189; Section 192; and to add Section 290 (A) to the Constitution of Grand Chapter have been presented within the prescribed time.

There is no legal objection to either or all of these notices of Motion being considered by Grand Chapter at Convocation.

Fraternally Submitted,

John M. Burden, Chairman
R. Clark
Willard Butler
Thos. Jackson

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Executive Committee on Constitution Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Finance submits herewith its report for the year ending February 28th, 1950.

The Members of this Committee are indeed gratified to be able to report, that the general financial condition of this Grand Chapter is in a sound position.

Exhibit "B" of the Auditor's Report, which sets out in detail the actual Revenue and Expenditure ,shows that the year's operations resulted in a net revenue of $998.58, which amount has been credited to the "General Reserve" in Exhibit "A".

The Balance Sheet shows Cash in Transit, and Cash in Bank to be $11,712.48. We would point out to you this amount includes the proceeds from the $4000.00 of City of Hamilton Debentures, which matured in 1949. This amount will be available for re-investment if not required for general financing during our fiscal year.

Schedule "2" sets out in detail the position of the "Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund," as at the end of the fiscal year. It will be noted that contributions received, amounted to $6077.45, and Interest earned amounted to $1366.17. The balance at the credit of this Fund now amounts to $56,412.34. In order that this Fund may fully function as a purely Benevolent Fund, we have now entirely segregated it from the "General Account," and it will be seen from the Operating Statement that all disbursements on account of Benevolence, as well as revenue earned from the past fiscal year, have been deleted, and are shown in Schedule "2," therefore, it will not ordinarily be necessary in future to set up an appropriation for this particular expenditure in our estimates. We recommend and ask approval of Grand Chapter, that the capital sum of this Fund together with the donation of future contributions remain intact and the income from this fund be applied toward benevolent grants and in the event of any balance required, the same be transferred from the General Funds of Grand Chapter.

On the demise of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith the Chairman of this Committee was instructed by the Grand Z. to authorize Com-

pensation to our present Grand Scribe "E" on a basis of $2500.00 per annum. After careful consideration, we are now recommending for your approval, that the Compensation of the Grand Scribe "E" be $3000.00 per annum, and that the same be retroactive to March 1st, 1950.

In the year 1958 this Grand Chapter will have completed a Century of Service, and your Committee believe that our One Hundredth Anniversary should be celebrated in an appropriate manner. This will entail extra expenditure as regards special printing and the entertainment of our Guests. We ask your approval to commence setting up a separate Bank Account, an amount of $250.00 per year, in order that the cost of the celebration will not be a charge on the finances of any one year.

Your Committee on Finance is hopeful of eventually attaining, in our financial structure, a position in which we will have sufficient operating funds available to meet our requirements during the fiscal year, without having to incur bank overdrafts. The main source of revenue of Grand Chapter is derived from the payment of Per Capita Dues by the Constituent Chapters, and at the present time these funds are not available for our use until the end of our fiscal year. We are, therefore, unanimous in recommending for your earnest consideration the Amendment to the Constitution, whereby these payments will be made semi-annually. Your approval will in a large measure facilitate the financing of this Grand Chapter.

We submit for consideration of the Companions an estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the fiscal year ending February 28th, 1951 and we are glad to be able to report an estimated Net surplus of $1955.00:

REVENUE

Fees — Registration	$ 3,300.00	
Dues — Per Capita	12,000.00	
Life Membership — Dues	2,900.00	
Dispensations	100.00	
Interest on Investments	1,845.00	
	———	$20,145.00

EXPENDITURE

Grand Scribe "E"—Compensation	$ 3,000.00	
—Office Assistant	1,500.00	
—Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
—Rent	815.00	

Foreign Correspondence — Reviewer	300.00	
Audit Fee	400.00	
Printing — Proceedings	2,200.00	
— General	1,100.00	
Travelling Expenses — Grand "Z."	1,500.00	
— General	500.00	
Expenses — Convocation	3,000.00	
— Executive Committee	800.00	
— Education and Instruction	500.00	
Jewels, Engraving and Regalia	600.00	
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00	
Canadian Grand Chapter Meeting	600.00	
Centennial	250.00	
	———	$18,190.00

The favourable financial standing of this Grand Chapter should be a source of satisfaction to all our membership, and it is the opinion of your Committee this position will be maintained by careful and prudent administration of its affairs, and this Grand Chapter can face the future with confidence and optimism.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

K. N. Carrie, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. N. Carrie, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

Since the last Grand Convocation, over four hundred of our Companions have been called to the Grand Chapter above. These have run their course in this life, have finished the good fight. Ours are the full duties for the future that

In those whom they have blessed
They live a life again
And shall live through the years
Eternal life, and grow
Each day more beautiful
As time declares their good,
Forgets the rest and proves
Their immortality.

The empty place in the family circle, the lost association in business and social life, the loss of wise counsel and inspiring com-

panionship in our Masonic gatherings, these are grievous afflictions in our human experience. What man has the mind or developed spiritual being to understand the progress that our companions have made in passing the veils that interpose between this life and that life beyond

> Shall any gazer see with mortal eyes
> Or any searcher know by mortal mind,
> Veil after veil will life—but there must be
> Veil upon veil behind.

The Great Light is given to us to govern our lives, and the assurances therein give us the sure basis of faith to carry both faith and hope far beyond the limits of intelligence.

> Sunshine still must follow rain:
> Only not at death—for death,
> Now I know, is that first breath
> Which our souls draw when we enter
> Life, which is of all life centre.

With profound regret we record the loss to the service and companionship of Grand Chapter of—

Most Ex. Companion Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal Z 1928-1929, Grand Scribe E, 1929 to 1949.

Most Ex. Companion Walter G. Price, Grand First Principal Z 1930-1931, Grand Treasurer 1933 to 1949.

Through their years of service to the Royal Craft, after they had left the high office of Grand Z., each had given greatly of his special character and ability. In precarious health for a long time, Most Ex. Comp. Price attended Grand Chapter when he could, gave wise and friendly counsel that was much respected. Most Ex. Comp. Smith's profound knowledge of ritual and symbolism and of details of the management of Chapter business were at the quick service of every constituent chapter as well as Grand Chapter. His evident joy of life was a lift in spirit wherever he went. During the long years such characters and services became accepted parts of the living organization. Now we turn to seek them in the usual way—and they have been transferred.

Other distinguished Companions who answered the call were—

Rt. Ex. Comp. S. E. Foster.
Rt. Ex. Comp. Albert E. Bryson.
Rt. Ex. Comp. R. W. Evans.
Rt. Ex. Comp. W. J. Barrie.
Rt. Ex. Comp. T. H. Cherry.
Rt. Ex. Comp. R. Y. Morrison.

Rt. Ex. Comp. J. E. Riddell.
V. Ex. Comp. Arthur Chandler, appointed Grand Steward only a year ago.
V. Ex. Comp. Wallace A. Scott, M.D.
V. Ex. Comp. John McKnight.
V. Ex. Comp. J. Mills.
V. Ex. Comp. Foster W. Smith.
V. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Scott.

and only three weeks ago, by tragic mishap—

Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Powers, for many years a member of Grand Executive and active in a wide circle of Masonic interests.

> "Of perfect service rendered, duties done,
> In charity, soft speech, and stainless days,
> These riches shall not fade away in life,
> Nor any death dispraise."

To all who sorrow with the shock of loss of loved ones and companions, we tender our sympathy for their suffering. For us who can accept the comfort of the exalted lessons of progress in the spiritual service of the Most High, here and hereafter, the greatest tribute to our departed companions will be the cheerful, resolute forwarding of the life of service in which we were jointly engaged. The times in which we live are dangerous, and threaten the practice of all we value most. For our journey along the dangerous way, we ask for the benediction begged long ago by sojourners to a great shrine built by our operative brethren—

> And fare now well my tale is at an end.
> Now Jesus Christ that of His might may send
> Joy after woe, govern us in His grace
> And keep us all that be in this place.

CHARLES FORHERINGHAM,
CHARLES MACDONALD
W. H. ROOPE,
W. H. INCH,
K. S. CLARKE, Chairman

To our sister jurisdictions in the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America, we extend sincere sympathy for the loss of their distinguished Companions.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta—
Most Ex. Comp. William Thomas Coote—Grand Z. 1923.
British Columbia—Most Ex. Comp. Thomas H. Carey—Grand Z. 1926.
Most Ex. Comp. Matthew James Little—Grand Z. 1942.
Most Ex. Comp. William Coates Taylor—Grand Z. 1943.
Manitoba—Most Ex. Comp. John James Sinclair—Grand Z. 1940-41.
Nova Scotia—Most Ex. Comp. Joseph Roderick Murray—G.H.P. 1928.
Saskatchewan—Most Ex. Comp. Edwin Pinkerton—Grand Z. 1927.

California—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Elverd Harris, Grand King.
Illinois—M. Ex. Comp. William Charles Rapp—G.H.P. 1934-35.
Louisiana—M. Ex. Comp. John William Armstrong—G.H.P. 1920.
Maine—M. Ex. Comp. Frank W. Fuller—G.H.P. 1937-38.
R. Ex. Comp. Isaac N. Jones—G.S.E. 1920-49
Massachusetts—M. Ex. Comp. Winthrop Jacobs Cushing G.H.P. 1928-9-30.
Michigan—M. Ex. Comp. Walter Horace Booth—G.H.P. 1918.
M. Ex. Comp. Charles Curley Williamson—G.H.P. 1947-49.
Mississippi—M. Ex. Comp. James Lafayette Williams—G.H.P.
Montana—M. Ex. Comp. Claude J. McAllister—G.H.P. 1921-22.
Nevada—M. Ex. Comp. Henry W. Miles—G.H.P. 1911-2
M. Ex. Comp. Nathan W. Fay—G.H.P. 1946-47.
New Jersey—M. Ex. Comp. Daniel L. Campbell—G.H.P. 1910.
Ohio—M. Ex. Comp. Virgil Wesley Prather—G.H.P. 1948-49.
Oklahoma—M. Ex. Comp. Emerson Burns—G.H.P. 1926-27.
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations—
M. Ex. Comp. Warren Andrew Sherman—G.H.P. 1947-48.
South Dakota—M. Ex. Comp. Bryson S. Payne—G.H.P. 1948-49.
Texas—M. Ex. Comp. F. P. Marshall—G.H.P. 1919-20.
M. Ex. Comp. John M. Weekley—G.H.P. 1925-26.
M. Ex. Comp. E. M. Wood—G.H.P. 1932-33.
Wisconsin—M. Ex. Comp. William Roswell Graves—G.H.P. 1923.
M. Ex. Comp. David O. Stine—G.H.P. 1932
M. Ex. Comp. Milton G. Kaumheimer—G.H.P. 1941.

They are not lost who find
The sunset gate, the goal
Of all their faithful years.
Nor lost are they who reach
The summit of their climb,
The peak above the clouds,
and storms. They are not lost
Who find the light of sun
And stars, and God.
They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind.

DEATHS—1949

1—Murray Dickson, Arnold L. Baker, Peter H. Ryder, Herbert M. Johnston, Edwin Smith, Frederick M. Graves, R. C. K. Oliver, James Palmer, John King, Walter G. Price. 2—B. F. Anderson, W. H. Burden, Angus Secord, Jos. Henry Latimer, Thomas Easterby, John E. Riddell, William G. Stonebridge, William W. Crawford, James H. Schumaker, Basil Luke Donnelly. 3—Henry Smythe, N. F. Wilmont, William Campbell, F. O. Ramsey, William Wilson, George Ley, James Kennedy Ross, John Portious. 4—Maurice Cohen, Alexander W. Wardell, William H. Woods, Walter G. Price, Edwin Smith, Ruben Bannister, William T. Murphy, Frederick T. James, Roy Atkinson, P. Jennings. 5—Joseph Cortner Brown, John Bryden, Walter G. Price, Edwin Smith, J. T. Johnson, Clarence William Bere, Frederick James Delany, John McDonald, Joseph Douglas Moe, John M. Riley, Thomas Brown, John Watson. 6—W. A. Stephenson, George Parson, Anson L. Davis, Wm. E. Chaloner, Floyd Parr, Jas. Beale, J. A. Slocombe. 7—Frederick Arnott, Thomas H. Crozier, Kenneth J. Colling, Joseph T. Elliott, Edgar F. Rutherford, Frederick Slater, William W. Smith, John Arnold Thomson, Arthur F. Wesley, Robert Irvine, Arnold H. Baker, Henry C. Emmerson. 8—Louis E. Bowerman, Thomas Bowman, Robert Woodley, Edwin Smith George Ingleby, Thos. J. Le Cras, Geo. F. Morse. 15—Robert

Gilmore, John H. Green, John H. Collum, William James Barrie. 16—Alexander Ross, Robert W. H. Currie, Samuel W. Halliday. Robert Rodgers, Frederick Brown. 19 — Hector Calvin Mawdesley, Frank A. Wilson, William Shearman, Roy Milligan. Albert Peter Gwinner, Roy Ambrose Hare, Andrew Thomas Riddell, Enoch Turner Atkinson. 20. Thomas Laird Wallace, Frank Wright, John Samuel Pilling, William John Kickley, Duncan Arnold Morrison, David Milne, Austin Irwin Ludlow, Edward Tygne Sterne, William Henry Woods, Norman Lloyd Smith, George Diack, William John Creamer. 23—S. E. King, E. M. Edy, M. L. Walker. 24—D. M. McCallum, Frank E. Adams, Frederick Cook, Robert Sullivan, Frederick G. Killer, Henry Fred King. 26—Eben James. 27—J. R. Lawrence, W. L. Smith, J. C. Lennox, F. W. Ironside. 28—Wilfred Giles Allison, Howard Ashton Felt, Carman David Lott, John M. Bowman. 29.—Chas. R. Bilger, A. B. Sarvis. 30—Jas. C. Carrie. 31—Jas. Wright. 32—Thos. Henry Waring. 34—Arthur Russell Walker. 35—Donald J. McGillivray, Alfred J. Southwell, Wm. F. Harden, Fred Dowswell. 36—T. H. Horner, Wm. C. English. A. D. Jardine, Chas. E. Sisson. 37—Wm. Ernest Dawe, Stanley J. Glover, John Vernon Harcourt, John Henry Stephens. 40—H. Edward Jackson, Alexander McKendry Crawford. 41—Cyrus Hartsuff Sumner, Albert Francis. 47—Herbert Wm. Jones, John Pritchard, Amos Burtch. 48—L. B. Woodman, Percy Frederick Stone. 53—Charles Kemp. 54—Andrew Leslie, Wm. B. G. Palmer, Melvin E. Caldwell, Frank S. J. Spencer, Walker Oke, Geo. William Geen, Gordon L. Spencer, Charles H. Wightman. 55—Frederick J. McClelland, George Whitman Irvine, Russell Frederick Ansley. 56—Wilfred Francis Wright, George Atkey. 59—Lawrence E. Ennis, John Moore. 62—Wilmer Gibson, E. C. Coath, Carl Lehman, Sydney Biggs. 64—James Bampton, A. S. Goldsmith, H. H. Hilder, T. H. Lewis, C. A. Smith. 65—John McKnight, A. Adams, Wallace A. Scott, Thomas Robertson, J. Ramsden. 66—George W. McLeod, Henry M. Creswell, George Milton Chesney, Thomas Chapman, Victor D. Falconer, W. Carl Passmore. 67.—Walter White. 68—John A. Johnston, S. Leonard Montieth. 69—Charles Walker. 71—Fred Nichols, Colin Wicle. 73—Garnet Hogg, Fred M. Hicks. 75 Robert B. Galbraith. 76—John H. Rolston. 77—F. M. Smith, Emil Niepage, H. C. Allin, Harry Meadows, Bernard A. Pennock, Alfred Maguire, Charles Strohm, G. H. Walker, William T. Dundas, W. G. Price, Edwin Smith, John William Worth. 79—John L. Mills, William Howkins, James Gilmour, John H. Williamson, W. A. Nightswander, R. G. Kyle. 80—Benjamin Woodward, Edgar C. McCubbin, Frank J. Mitchell, Harry T. Copus, Harry F. Wollatt, Harvey W. Baxter. 81—George A. Allen, John Wardell. 82—Hugh A. Raney, Frank Elkins, John Smitheman. 83—Chas. B. Gillespie, Alexander D. McKitrick, William Creves. 84—J. A. McAsh. 88—M. S. Blackburn, Norman Lindsay. 90—Charles Caucutt, John Sandin. 91—Walter Newman, R. B. Clarke, Fred J. Haynes, Joseph Aziz, Walter G. Price. 94—J. J. Trumbull, Dr. J. Henderson. 95—T. J. Godfrey, F. T. Nichol, J. H. Stitt, C. L. Johnston, A. C. Mudge. 102—W. J. Gratton, F. E. Nolan, Wm. Rubenstein, A. E. Pickering, J. W. Wetherall, Harry Merritt, J. B. Myers, P. Cowie, Geo. Harris. 103—Fred John Martyn, Samuel Pierse, Wilfred Roy Cooper, Robert Henry Wyatt 110—Peter S. Ewing. 112 W. H. Flynn, A. Vance, W. B. Calles, G. M. Gorrell. 113—Geo. D. Colquhoun, C. E. Roberts, Benjamin Eastwood, William Fields, F. D. McLennan. 114—Henry Coolican, J. L. Mayhew, Frederick Lockwood. 115—John K. Martin, John D. Smith. 116 Peter A. Garvin, John M. Penny, James E. Williams, Thomas P. Simpson, Henry N. Steet, Emerson A. Niles. 117—W. H. Sage, John F. Carmichael, W. T. Woelfle, L. R. Poyson. 119—W. J. Marriott, W. H. Bailey, Cecil Stobbs, W. A. Keith, L. B. Setterington. 131 S. E. Foster. 132—H. R. De Witta, Archibald Breckenridge, J. A. Thompson, Clarence W. Webster. 133—John A. Robinson. 135—Robert Ellwood Darling, Fred Christie, John H. Chinn, William Holmes. 138—W. D. Donaldson, Charles Williams, W. J. Wadsworth, John Stephenson, Elmo Johnson, John McClelland, A. E. Melhuish.

140—James White, F. R. Adams, H. G. Hanford, E. D. Higginbottom, G. T. Kelly, W. H. Sleep, Geo. Lemon. 143—J. Wilfred Kennedy, Robert MacKay. 145—B. J. Bradley, Arthur Chandler, Edward N. Compton, William Forbes, Thomas Harbron, Walter Howell, George Jackson, Wm. Henry Jeeves, Walter G. Price, John L. Scholes, Dr. Wallace A. Scott, Edwin Smith, Benjamin Smyth, Thos. Sockett, J. W. Tulley. 147—Edgar Hollyman. 149—James Stewart Kearney. 150—Tom Ange, Whitfield Lancaster, B. Lee, William C. Northey, William J. Ashplant, C. A. Phipps, Richard W. Evans, Richard Smith, Isaac G. Robinson. 151—Henry Baker Smith, Robert L. McCormick. 152—Norman Stewart. 153—Charles Edward Rowland, Edwin Ernest Cousins, John Zavitz. 155—Albert V. Mason, John Ralph Murray. 161—Geo. P. Clarke. 163—Walter A. Howell, Walter G. Price, W. H. Cunningham, H. B. Mitchell. 168—Samuel Clegg. 169—James Stewart McCullough, Peter Garvin, Peter J. Grant. 175—John Ewen Riddell. 184—T. V. Stamp, John A. North. 195—William John Bartlett. 198—L. A. Prittie, Robert Sullivan, Edwin R. Eaton, C. S. Wainwright, Henry James Bird, C. G. Mills. 203—A. E. Bryson, J. S. Morrey, C. Ericuson. 205—Otto Cyril James. 210—Elder J. McEwen. 212—Joseph Rosenbaum. 213—D. W. Price, J. W. Wray. 214—Foster Smith. 217—A. C. Taylor, George Shaw, E. C. Day, Walter G. Price, James Hunter, Ernest H. Carveth, Frank Read. 218—Samuel Tate White. 219—Dr. Walter Garnet Price. 220—Alfred John Tumber. 221—Basil E. Ritz. 222—F. J. Jackson, H. B. Bogart, G. L. Green, David Barry, Clifford Earl. 223—Horace Jones, Alexander M. Dewar. 224—G. T. Sones, William K. Stewart. 225—James Potts Wunibald, John Smith Lawson. 227—Joseph Niblock, Harry Hill, Lucius Allen. 230—Walter G. Price, George P. Duncan. 231—Walter G. Price, Clinton Boddy. 232—George C. Foss. 233—George A. Hewson, O. N. Johnson. 234—Edward McWhirter. 235. M. Doolittle, W. O. Erb, W. J. Sisman, Wells F. McDonald, Fred S. Babcock. 238—Edwin Smith, W. H. Shoebottom, Frederick Harvey. 239—George Harold Cundle. 240—Frederick Green. 241—Frederick T. Nichol. 242—Richard W. Edwards. 243—Harry Depew. 246—Albert C. Bryson. 247—Albert Barnes, Thomas Holmes. 249—William Leonard Elliott, John Lawrence Cryderman. 250—Edgar A. McCubbin, George Russell Beemer, Samuel Thomas Widcombe. 251—Ernest Martin. 252—C. M. Richardson, A. R. McMillan, C. E. B. Payne. 253—William Barwell.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth S. Clarke, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received.

DR. WALTER G. PRICE

GRAND Z. GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA 1930-31. GRAND TREASURER 1933-1949.

Born in Toronto 14 September 1880. Died in Toronto June 28, 1949. 1905 Joined St. Andrew's Lodge No. 16 Toronto. Wor. M. and Charter Member Mississauga Lodge No. 524 G.R.C. Port Credit in 1919. 1910 Joined St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 G.R.C. Toronto. 1918 Elected Grand Principal Sojourner, and from that time he served continually in office of Grand Chapter until his death when he held the Office of Grand Treasurer.
He was an active member of several Masonic Bodies.

EDWIN SMITH

GRAND Z. GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA 1928-29. GRAND SCRIBE E. 1930-1949.

Born in London, Ontario, 9 May 1886. Died in London, Ontario, September 8, 1949.

1908 Joined St. John's Lodge No. 209A, G.R.C. London.

Wor. M. 1921 Gr. Reg. G.R.C. July 1923.

1909 Joined St. George's Chapter No. 5 G.R.C. London.

Elected Grand Scribe N. in 1918, Grand Third Principal 1924 and from then on held office in Grand Chapter up to his death. He was active in nearly every branch in Masonry.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

Your Committee on Benevolence has given careful consideration to all applications for relief, and recommends that an appropriation be made in the estimates for grants, as follows:

Chapter No. 1—Widow of G. McN.	$ 100.00
Chapter No. 8—Widow of R. J.	100.00
Chapter No. 53—Daughter of J. S.	100.00
Chapter No. 62—Widow of J. B.	100.00
Chapter No. 119—Widow of S. G.	100.00
Chapter No. 133—Widow of J. E. M.	100.00
Chapter No. 145—Daughter of J. C.	200.00
Special, Widow of R. H. S.	100.00
Widow of E. S.	200.00
Total	$1100.00
We further recommend, that an amount of $200.00 be provided, for interim relief, if such should be needed before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter	200.00
	$1300.00

Fraternally submitted,

R. B. Dargavel,
R. N. McElhinney,
D. C. Patmore, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

Committee on Benevolence

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:—

M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, retires in 1953.
R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore, retires in 1951.
R. Ex. Comp. Robert N. McElhinney, retires in 1952.

GRAND HISTORIAN AND REVIEWER ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That Most Excellent Companion George L. Gardiner be re-elected Grand Historian and Reviewer.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED-OFF"

Grand Chapter was "Called Off" at 4.30 o'clock p.m., to permit the Delegates to select their Grand Superintendents and elect the Officers of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and the next place of meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1950

Grand Chapter was "Called On" at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

ELECTION REPORT

V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick, Chairman, and R. Ex. Comp. James W. Woodland, Vice-Chairman, presented the results of the Election as follows:—

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z., 1950
R. Ex. Comp. Alexander George Noel Bradshaw ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. John Alexander MacDonald Taylor ..... Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C. ..... Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. V. Rev. Charles H. MacDonald ..... Grand Chaplain
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. Victor L. Mutton ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. William H. Parker ..... Grand Registrar

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elected

R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Foss Nott.
R. Ex. Comp. John Loftus House.
R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth Norman Carrie.
R. Ex. Comp. William Bailie Stothers.
R. Ex. Comp. Robert Clark.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

The nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve, and the following selections were confirmed:—

R. Ex. Comp. Lowell B. Boyle ..... St. Clair District No. 1
45½ Raleigh Street, Chatham, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Abraham Cavanagh ..... London District No. 2
585 St. James Street, London, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Francis MacD. Reid ..... Wilson District No. 3
21 Lynnwood Avenue, Simcoe, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert ..... Wellington District No. 4
1 Lincoln Avenue, Galt, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Pepper ..... Hamilton District No. 5
16 E. 23rd Street, Hamilton, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. William F. Elliot ..... Huron District No. 6
Box 23B, Mitchell, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Langman ..... Niagara District No. 7
204 Clarence Street, Port Colborne, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Mason ..... Toronto East District No. 8
153 Courcellette Road, Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. William E. Gardner ..... Toronto West District No. 8A
73 McRoberts Avenue, Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Russell H. Davidson ..... Georgian District No. 9
Collingwood, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Brady ..... Ontario District No. 10
Campbellford, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Wm. Bailey ..... Prince Edward District No. 11
Box 112, Stirling, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Clinton A. Markell ..... St. Lawrence District No. 12
121 3rd Street W., Cornwall, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Clarence A. Bailey ..... Ottawa District No. 13
29 Glen Street, Smiths Falls, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Cade ..... Algoma District No. 14
204 Water St., Kenora, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Ernest G. Drew ..... New Ontario District No. 15
466 Wellington Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Roy A. Bilbrough ..... Temiskaming District No. 16
P.O. Box 912, Kirkland Lake, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. C. H. Chapman ..... Yukon T. District No. 17
Dawson City, Yukon Territory.

The newly appointed Grand Superintendents were subsequently addressed and given the necessary instructions as to the duties appertaining to their office.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The Ninety-Third Annual Convocation will be held in the City of London, Ontario on Wednesday and Thursday, April 25 and 26, 1951, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as per Section 20, of the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z's. ADDRESS

Your committee have read with pleasure the address of M. Ex. Comp. Pitts and found therein a review of the activities and condition of the Royal Craft in our jurisdiction, which, we feel sure will be appreciated by all our members.

We concur with him in all his actions, rulings and recommendations, and join with him in appreciation of the hospitality from Toronto Companions so often and so generously shown.

His expression of welcome to our distinguished and most welcome guests from Capitular jurisdictions and allied Masonic bodies, we too would warmly echo.

The loss of 441 Companions from our Grand Chapter reminds us all of the incessant march of time. We appreciate the way in which our Grand Z. has expressed, so earnestly and warmly our thoughts about those good friends whom we shall miss from our gatherings but hold dear in our memories.

The record of our Grand Z's. activities and visits during the past year speaks for itself—he has not spared himself but has given an impetus of leadership—we feel assured that he has left grateful and pleasant memories behind, and indeed travelled far afield, ever a messenger of Masonic good will.

His report respecting the 3rd Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters will be of great interest to our members. The exchange of ideas and experiences between the several Grand Chapters cannot fail to be of great benefit to all.

The Constitution of two new Chapters is indeed welcome, and shows that the enthusiasm and labours of our leaders is bearing fruit. Your Committee extends its warmest welcome to Tillsonburg and Yukon Chapters, and bespeaks for them grand days ahead.

We feel that it was indeed most fortunate that in the hour of our great losses in the death of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Price that our Grand Z. was able to secure the assistance of most talented Companions to carry on.

We appreciate the high spirit of hope and determination with which our Grand Z. faces the coming year. May all our Companions get behind him. Our beloved Grand Z. will lead—let us all endeavour to keep pace with him in his endeavours.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. S. Dargavel,
R. V. E. Conover,
F. W. Dean,
John M. Burden,
L. F. Stephens, Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Reg. V. E. Conover, and——

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Z's address be received and adopted.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Most Ex. Comp. Frederick W. Dean, in the absence of Most Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, presented his report on "Fraternal Correspondence."

M. Ex. Sir and Comps.

I have pleasure in presenting the report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Here, there and yonder throughout the realm of Royal Arch Masonry peace and harmony prevail. There appears to be a definite upsurge among constituent chapters which is most encouraging. From the various Grand Chapters under review, there is every indication that Royal Arch Masonry is being accepted as the logical advance for the Master Mason seeking to complete his knowledge of the symbolic degrees.

The review of Sister Jurisdictions is commended to the serious attention of the rulers of the chapters of this jurisdiction. Contained in these reviews will be found, not only, interesting highlights of our esoteric work in other jurisdictions, but also, much illuminative information which should be helpful to our chapter officers.

I regret that a wider distribution of our proceedings cannot be made, that chapter officers both senior and junior may have the opportunity of acquiring information, that should broaden their knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry and enable them to talk authoritatively of happenings beyond the borders of our own Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. L. GARDINER,

Historian and Reviewer

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, and—

Resolved,—That the Report on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Communications were received conveying Greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance from:—

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta: M. Ex. Comp. Sam Harris and M. Ex. Comp. Dr. J. V. Follett, P.G.Z.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia: M. Ex. Comp. Gerald H. Sedger G. Z. and M. Ex. Comp. John MacLeod P.G.Z. and M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Hugh Mackay, P.G.Z. and G.S.E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba: M. Ex. Comp. Eugene E. Grant G.Z. and M. Ex. Comp. T. Sellar Cook, P.G.Z. and G.S.E.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick: M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence R. Colpitts, G.Z. and M. Ex. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, P.G.Z. and G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia with Jurisdiction over Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundand: M. Ex. Comp. Claude Noonan, G.H.P., M. Ex. Comp. Reginald V. Harris, P.G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. H. F. Sipprell, P.G. H. P. and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec: M. Ex. Comp. Norman D. Hill, P.G.Z. and M. Ex. Comp. A. J. Osgood, P.G.Z.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan: M. Ex. Comp. H. Stanley Bell, G.Z. and M. Ex. Comp. Alfred A. Wilson, P.G.Z. and G.S.E.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois: M. Ex. Comp. Walter W. Taylor, G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. E. E. Core, P.G.H.P., and G.S.E.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa: M. Ex. Comp. C. W. Conard, G.H.P., and M. Ex. Comp. Ross J. Camblin, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Maine Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex. Comp. A. L. Hopkins, G.H.P., and M. Ex. Comp. Convers Leach, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland: M. Ex. Comp. Clarence M. Young, G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. Charles H. Welden, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts: R. Ex. Comp. Raymond T. Sewell, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan: M. Ex. Comp. Arthur M. Burke, P.G.H.P. and R. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Moore, D.G.H.P.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons State of Missouri: M. Ex. Comp. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey: M. Ex. Comp. Beckdeeply, G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. Charles D. McCracken, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of the State of New York Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex. Comp. A. Elmo Cole, G.H.P.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons State of New Hampshire: M. Ex. Comp. Alfred H. White, G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. J. Melvin Dresser, P.G.H.YP. and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio: M. Ex. Comp. Mont. C. Hambright, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations: M. Ex. Comp. Leonard E. Smith, G.H.P. and R. Ex. Comp. Edward M. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina: M. Ex. Comp. O. Frank Hart, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Vermont Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex. Comp. Aaron H. Grout, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia: M. Ex. Comp. Dan P. Sigourney, P.D.G.P., M. Ex. Comp. Charles M. Flintoff, P.G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. James N. Hillman, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin: M. Ex. Comp. Orlin M. Woolley, G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. Ward A. Rowbottom, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons: M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenberry, G.G.H.P. and M. Ex. Comp. Lorne Johnson, P.G.Z. and Grand Captain, Regina, Sask.

CONSIDERING NOTICE OF MOTION

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That Section 84, Page 20 be repealed and the following substituted:

Section 84 (1)—will read: "Should any elected officer of Grand Chapter other than the Grand Z., Grand H., or Grand J. resign, die or remove from the Jurisdiction, or become incapable of performing the duties of his office, then the Grand Z shall appoint a qualified Companion to fill the office until the next Annual Convocation."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That another section 290A be added to the Constitution

"(290A). Any amendment to the Constitution of Grand Chapter, which may, in effect, require an amendment to the by-laws of any Chapter, shall automatically amend such Chapter by-laws."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That Section 192, Page 49, be repealed and substitute therefor the following:

Section 192—will read: "Each Chapter shall make its returns and payments semi-annually to the Grand Scribe E. within 30 days after the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each year, and in case of failure to make such returns and payments before the expiry of that specified period, it may, in the discretion of the Grand Z., be summoned to show cause why it should not be suspended, or why its Warrant should not be withdrawn or declared forfeit. No representative of any Chapter which has neglected to make its returns and payments to Grand Chapter for more than three months after the specified period shall be permitted to vote at any session thereof, until such returns and payments respectively shall have been made. Nothing in this section shall deprive a Past Principal of his vote as such."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—Section 189, Page 48, be repealed and substitute therefor the following:

Section 189—will read: "No Companion shall be eligible for the Z's chair unless he is in good standing in a Craft Lodge as a Master Mason; and except by dispensation of the Grand Z., no Companion shall be eligible for the Z's chair unless he shall have served for twelve months as H., and no Companion shall be eligible for the H's chair unless he shall have served for twelve months as J. The Z., H., and J. shall not be installed in a Warranted Chapter until they have been examined by a board of three or more Past Z's and until such board shall certify in writing to the installing Past Z. that they are fully familiar with their respective duties."

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

Most Ex. Comp. Reg. V. E. Conover, O.B.E. installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several District, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. M. Taylor, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada be extended to the Credential Committee for the efficient manner in which they discharged their duties, to the Scrutineers for their services in taking charge of the election of the officers; to the Installing Board under Most Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, and to the Committee of the Convocation in Toronto, including the reception and entertainment of the delegates and their ladies who looked after the arrangements.

APPOINTED TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by Most Ex. Comp. Clarence MacL. Pitts:—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Appointed

R. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith,
9 Jane Street, Belleville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Sollitt,
243 London Street, Peterborough, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid,
357 Waverley St., Ottawa, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Camelford,
404 Lock Street, Dunnville, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles E. Letman,
336 - 8th Ave. S., Kenora, Ont.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS—Appointed

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. S. M. Enouy ..... Grand Lecturer
512 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Arthur Boyd Casselman ..... Assistant Grand Chaplain
Hull, Que.
V. Ex. Comp. James A. Smith ..... Grand Senior Sojourner
152 S. Russell St., Sarnia, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. F. A. R. MacFadden ..... Grand Junior Sojourner
22 College Street, Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Samuel M. Steeves ..... Grand Sword Bearer
36 Renfrew Avenue, Ottawa, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. R. W. Hall ..... Grand Master 4th Veil
235 Queen Street W., Brampton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Walter J. Riddell ..... Grand Master 3rd Veil
115 Florence St., Hamilton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William Morley Spera ..... Grand Master 2nd Veil
R.R. No. 1, Bartonville, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Ernest Leslie Treitz ..... Grand Master 1st Veil
455 Cromwell Street, Sarnia, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. William Scott ..... Grand Standard Bearer
48 Isleworth Avenue, Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Melville S. Gooderham ..... Grand Director of Ceremonies
244 Inglewood Drive, Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Few ..... Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
172 Simcoe Street, London, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James V. Scrimger ..... Grand Organist
2178 Queen Street E., Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Hugh Donald Hyndman ..... Grand Pursuivant
Kemptville, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Manning E. Morgan ..... Grand Steward
411 Queen Street, Chatham, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Leo Willard Challand ..... Grand Steward
R.R. No. 5, Simcoe, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Ogle Miller ..... Grand Steward
34 Cambria Road, Goderich, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William Rostron ..... Grand Steward
38 Phipps Street, Fort Erie, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. W. Garfield McClure ..... Grand Steward
R.R. No. 2, Brampton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Mark P. Wickett ..... Grand Steward
3 Ward Street, Port Hope, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Gordon George Sinclair ..... Grand Steward
Wiarton, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Frank Walker ..... Grand Steward
R.R. No. 6, Belleville, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Carl Lambert Sundin ..... Grand Steward
602 Church Street, Ft. Frances, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Isaiah Smith ..... Grand Steward
368 Van Horne Street, Sudbury, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Earl F. L. Arnold ..... Grand Steward
Church Street, Georgetown, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Harold F. Walker ..... Grand Steward
58 St. Hubert Avenue, Toronto, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Joseph Hackett ..... Grand Steward
Petrolia, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. William H. Hiett ..... Grand Steward
9 Cardinal Place, Toronto, Ont.
Ex. Comp. James Bell ..... Grand Outer Guard
London, Ont.

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 12.15 p.m., Toronto, Ontario, Thursday, April 27, 1950.

Fred. J. Johnson.

Grand Scribe E.

On Tuesday evening April 25, 1950 the Grand Z. M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts invited his Council, Executive Committee and Grand Chapter Officers to a Dinner in honour of his Distinguished guests.

Wednesday evening April 26th, 1950 the Annual Banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom, King Edward Hotel, this was one of the highlights of our Convocation, over 450 Companions and ladies were present.

The Speaker was Comp. Edgar A. Guest, the celebrated Author and Poet, his humor and pathos affected everyone, we were indeed very fortunate in having him with us and we wish to thank him for his presence, and for those who made it possible, in Windsor and Detroit.

Comp. Robert Foster, Baritone, with Mrs. Foster at the piano sang some interesting and pleasing numbers, which were well received.

This happy event cannot be passed without a word of praise to the Chairman Robert Somerville and his committee, Members of the Toronto Principals Association, for their unstinted effort and help.

During the Convocation many messages were conveyed to our Grand Chapter by the visiting Delegates and Companions.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander George Noel Bradshaw ..... Grand H.
655 Waterloo Street, London, Ont.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts.
Kenniston Apartments, Ottawa, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, Grand Z, 1935-1936.
4 Dunloe Road, Toronto, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. Llewellyn F. Stephens, K.C., Grand Z, 1939-1940-1942
52 Markland Street, Hamilton, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, K.C., Grand Z., 1943-1944 ... Grand Treasurer
126 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. Col. Reg. V. E. Conover, O.B.E., Grand Z., 1945-1946
Brampton, Ont.
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244 Holton Avenue South, Hamilton, Ont.
M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel, Hon. Grand Z, 1941
234 Evelyn Avenue, Toronto 9, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. John Alexander MacDonald Taylor ..... Grand J.
R.R. No. 1, Hornby, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... Grand Scribe E.
400 Lake Promenade, Long Branch, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Elmer M. Woolcock ..... Grand Scribe N.
91 Castleknock Rd., Toronto, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Honorary

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood,
137 John Street, London, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Archie D. MacIntyre,
1048 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elected

R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Foss Nott,
North Bay, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. John Loftus House,
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R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth Norman Carrie,
1905A Queen Street East, Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. William Bailie Stothers,
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BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

(Members of the Executive Committee by Virtue of Office)
M. Ex. Comp. Roderick B. Dargavel,
234 Evelyn Avenue, Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. De Forest Charles Patmore,
121 Peter Street North, Orillia, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Robert N. McElhinney,
69 Fuller Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

(*Members of the Executive Committee by Virtue of Office*)
(As listed on Pages 112 - 113)

SUB COMMITTEES
GRAND Z'S ADDRESS

M. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner (Chairman), M. Ex. Comps. Llewellyn F. Stephens, J. M. Burden, Reg. V. Conover, Fred W. Dean, R B. Dargavel.

BENEVOLENCE

R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore (Chairman), M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, R. Ex. Comp. R N. McElhinney.

WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS

R. Ex. Comp. B. F. Nott (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. G. W. Bailey, Chas. Pepper.

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

R. Ex. Comp. J. L. House (Chairman), Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Gardner.

FINANCE

R. Ex. Comp. K. N. Carrie (Chairman), Grand Council, Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe E., Chairman of Committee on Investments, the Auditor (Ex. Officio), M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, R. Ex. Comps. Thos. Camelford, Bruce H. Smith.

INVESTMENTS

R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Sollitt (Chairman), Grand Council, Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe E.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

M. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stephens, K.C. (Chairman), M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, R. Ex. Comp. Wm. F. Elliot.

CONSTITUTION, LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE

M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, K.C. (Chairman).

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

R. Ex. Comp. W. B. Stothers (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. L. B. Boyle, W. H. Brady, A. E. Langman, C. A. Bailey, C. H. Chapman, E. G. Drew.

FRATERNAL DEAD

R. Ex. Comp. Robt. Clark (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. H. S. Cade, R. A. Bilbrough, Chas. MacDonald, Russell H. Davidson, F. M. Reid.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

M. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner (Chairman).

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

R. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre (Chairman), R. Ex. Comp. Herb. Thompson.

EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts (Chairman), Grand Council, Past Grand Z's, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. M. Enouy.

SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

R. Ex. Comps. F. A. McDiarmid, (Chairman), C. Letman, C. A. Markell, C. A. Ackert, A. Cavanagh, T. J. Mason.

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui	Kingston	Third Friday
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	Fourth Friday
3	St. John's	London	Fourth Wednesday
4	St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto	First Monday
5	St. George's	London	Fourth Friday
6	St. John's	Hamilton	Second Thursday
7	The Moira	Belleville	First Tuesday
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	Fourth Thursday
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	Second Friday
16	Carleton	Ottawa	Third Wednesday
18	Oxford	Woodstock	Third Friday
19	Mt. Moriah	St. Catharines	Second Friday
20	Mt. Horeb	Brantford	First Friday
22	Grenville	Prescott	Second Tuesday
23	Ezra	Simcoe	Second Thursday
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	Fourth Friday
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	Third Tuesday
27	Manitou	Collingwood	Fourth Friday
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa	First Tuesday
29	McCallum	Dunnville	Third Friday
30	Huron	Goderich	Third Tuesday
31	Prince Edward	Picton	Third Monday
32	Waterloo	Galt	Third Thursday
34	Signet	Barrie	Second Tuesday
35	Keystone	Whitby	Second Friday
36	Corinthian	Peterboro	Fourth Friday
37	Victoria	Port Hope	Second Friday
40	Guelph	Guelph	Second Friday
41	Harris	Ingersoll	Second Friday
44	Mount Sinai	Napanee	Third Wednesday
45	Excelsior	Colborne	First Friday
46	St. James	St. Mary's	Second Monday
47	Wellington	Chatham	Second Thursday
48	St. John's	Cobourg	Fourth Tuesday
53	Bruce	Petrolia	Third Wednesday
54	Palestine	St. Thomas	Second Thursday
55	Niagara	Niagara-on-the-Lake	First Friday
56	Georgian	Owen Sound	Third Tuesday
57	King Hiram	Port Colborne	First Thursday
58	Pembroke	Mattawa	Third Tuesday
59	Sussex-St. Laurence	Brockville	First Monday
61	Granite	Almonte	Second Thursday
62	York	Toronto	Second Friday
63	Havelock	Kincardine	Third Friday
64	Willson	Welland	Last Wednesday
65	St. Paul's	Toronto	Second Wednesday
66	The Malloch	Seaforth	Third Monday
67	Enterprise	Palmerston	Second Tuesday
68	Maitland	Kemptville	Second Monday
69	Grimsby	Grimsby	First Monday
71	Prince of Wales	Amherstburg	First Friday
72	Keystone	Stirling	Fourth Thursday
73	Erie	Ridgetown	Third Monday
74	Beaver	Strathroy	First Friday
75	St. Clair	Milton	Third Thursday
76	Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls	Third Friday
77	Occident	Toronto	Second Friday
78	Minnewawa	Parkhill	Third Monday
79	Orient	Toronto	Fourth Wednesday
80	Ark	Windsor	First Monday
81	Aylmer	Aylmer	First Thursday
82	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Third Wednesday
83	Ionic	Orangeville	First Tuesday

CHAPTER RETURNS TO 31 DECEMBER, 1949

Chapter No.	First Principal Z. for the Year 1950	Scribe E. for the Year 1950	Membership 31st Dec., 1948	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Membership 31st Dec., 1949	Life Members 31st Dec., 1949	Increase	Decrease
1	A. E. Peters	T. N. Clarke	326	16	2	1	4		10	331	90	5	
2	Ralph J. Cocks	J. H. Forbes	246	8	1		1		10	244	98		2
3	C. J. Wakefield	J. A. Elgie	245	8			1		8	244	88		1
4	W. F. Eccles	R. J. Gray	170	13					9	174	69	4	
5	Peter Brown	W. B. Stothers	338	23	2	1		2	12	350	144	12	
6	F. R. Feaver	J. E. Grady	169	18	1		2	1	7	178	59	9	
7	L. E. Vaughn	L. C. Pattrick	230	6			1		12	223	14		7
8	L. DeWitt	S. G. Tinker	246	18	4		4		7	257	96	11	
15	B. O. Glenn	E. L. Treitz	201	13	1	3	3	10	4	201	34		
16	W. H. Wingett	F. A. McDiarmid	339	60	3	1	1		3	399	128	60	
18	E. Buckridge	A. Wishart	136	7	1				3	141	25	5	
19	J. Simmers	A. E. Coombs	202	10	2		1	1	8	204	9	2	
20	H. H. Clark	R. W. E. McFadden	213	13		1	4	6	12	205	99		8
22	J. C. Sim	E. A. Cook	94	2		1				97	10	3	
23	T. H. Leslie	W. F. Tyrrell	162	3			1		3	161	19		1
24	A. A. Shaw	Geo. S. Atkins	207	34		1		2	6	234	39	27	
26	C. H. Burley	N. M. Sprague	115	4			3	2	1	113	43		2
27	J. McFadyen	R. H. Davidson	159	6		1			4	162	65	3	
28	H. O. Flintoff	N. W. Purdy	243	6					4	245	51	2	
29	J. Reichel	J. Loggie	106	3					2	107	14	1	
30	W. C. Newcombe	F. R. Darrow	114	11				1	1	123	12	9	
31	W. T. Havery	E. R. Hodgson	165	16	1		3		1	178	15	13	
32	W. S. Boyle	F. C. Ackert	145	9			1	1	1	151	44	6	
34	E. J. Burton	A. G. Bowie	133	4	1		2	1	1	134	71	1	
35	R. J. Fenton	J. N. R. Thomas	88	6		1	1		4	90		2	
36	S. O. Shields	D. Miller	301	12					4	309	39	8	
37	J. Martin	M. P. Wickett	143	7	1				4	147	61	4	
40	Paul Vorvis	R. M. Finlay	167	12					2	177	15	10	
41	F. M. Smith	L. L. Mansfield	99	4	1	1		1	2	102	14	3	
44	G. L. Brown	E. J. Walters	89	7				7		89	16		
45	D. Chatterson	A. A. Kemp	55	3			1			57		2	
46	J. R. Elgie	J. W. Durr	46	6						52	5	6	
47	H. D. Paulucci	L. H. Veale	132	15			2		3	142	17	10	
48	R. S. Clement	W. S. Cooper	84	6			1	1	2	86	11	2	
53	A. S. McLean	R. M. Story	69	7	1	3	1		1	78	11	9	
54	J. D. Schweitzer	K. S. Woodward	339	13					8	344	128	5	
55	E. Chase	A. N. Irvine	47	9			2	3	3	48	1	1	
56	A. H. Dixon	Dr. C. J. Baxendale	80	4			2		2	80	42		
57	C. A. Winn	C. G. Carter	73		1					74	13	1	
58		NO REPORT	21							21	15		
59	E. L. McMullen	H. N. McKenney	322	21		3	3		2	341	41	19	
61	J. L. Joss	Thorpe Kelly	65	15		1				81	6	16	
62	E. W. Mealing	C. M. Platten	121	8		1	2		4	124	25	3	
63	M. A. Bennett	R. J. Kincaid	77	2				1		78	5	1	
64	Mack Seeley	C. E. Griffin	128	13		1	1		5	136	1	8	
65	A. R. Jackson	Dr. H. G. Robb	141	2			1		5	137	46		4
66	John Bach	M. A. Reid	54	17			2	3	6	60	4	6	
67	N. Bullock	R. G. Barton	100	3		1			1	103	11	3	
68	E. B. Dangerfield	I. M. Anderson	62	21					2	81	3	19	
69	R. Cloughley	L. O. Hysert	64	6					1	69	10	5	
71	C. Ayerst	H. H. Courtney	129	10			2		2	135	6	6	
72	B. Morton	T. W. Solmes	78	1						79	16	1	
73	R. J. Spence	T. E. Armstrong	101	8			3	3	2	101			
74	J. L. Stephenson	A. W. Holt	60	5						65	11	5	
75	J. McKay	E. Harrop	61	3					1	63	1	2	
76	J. W. Lyon	J. R. Weare	81	2					1	82	71	1	
77	H. P. Hopkinson	J. T. Gilchrist	346	20	1		4		12	351	130	5	
78	R. G. Nunn	G. Portice	48	3						51	1	3	
79	James Forsythe	J. W. Wright	141	11			2		6	144	59	3	
80	Richard Seed	G. Gale	309	14	1	4	7		6	315	161	6	
81	S. B. Simpson	A. S. Hare	136	12	2		3		2	145	11	9	
82	G. E. Lister	S. H. Green	270	24	1		1		3	291	71	21	
83	C. Stirton	A. L. Hartmier	70	8					3	75	10	5	

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
84	Lebanon	Wingham	Third Tuesday
88	MacNabb	Dresden	Fourth Tuesday
90	Golden	Kenora	Fourth Wednesday
91	Toronto-Antiquity	Toronto	Third Monday
94	Midland	Lindsay	Third Thursday
95	Tuscan	Sudbury	Second Tuesday
102	Algonquin	Sault Ste. Marie	First Friday
103	St. John's	North Bay	First Thursday
104	White Oak	Oakville	Third Wednesday
110	Warkworth	Warkworth	Second Wednesday
112	St. John's	Morrisburg	Third Friday
113	Covenant	Cornwall	Third Wednesday
114	Bonnechere	Renfrew	Third Monday
115	Brant	Paris	Third Monday
116	Maple	Carleton Place	First Wednesday
117	Kitchener	Kitchener	First Friday
119	King Cyrus	Leamington	Second Wednesday
129	Elliot	Mitchell	First Tuesday
130	Chantry	Southampton	First Tuesday
131	Amabel	Wiarton	Last Tuesday
132	Leeds	Gananoque	Fourth Tuesday
133	St. Francis	Smiths Falls	Third Friday
134	King Darius	Cannington	Third Wednesday
135	Succoth	Uxbridge	Second Thursday
138	Shekinah	Toronto	Second Tuesday
140	Fort William	Fort William	First Monday
143	Glengarry	Maxville	Fourth Friday
144	Presqu'Ile	Brighton	Third Tuesday
145	The St. Patrick	Toronto	Third Friday
146	Bernard	Listowel	Second Friday
147	Lucknow	Lucknow	Second Tuesday
148	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	First Friday
149	Atwood	Rainy River	Third Thursday
150	London	London	Third Tuesday
151	Laurentian	Pembroke	Third Thursday
152	Alberton	Fort Frances	Second Tuesday
153	Sombra	Wallaceburg	First Monday
154	Klondike	Dawson City	Third Thursday
155	Ancaster	Ancaster	Third Tuesday
161	Madoc	Madoc	Fourth Monday
163	The Beaches	Toronto	First Monday
164	Lorne	West Lorne	Third Friday
167	Kichikewana	Midland	Fourth Friday
168	Ionic	Campbellford	Third Monday
169	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	First Wednesday
175	The Hamilton	Hamilton	Third Tuesday
184	Hugh Murray	Fort Erie N.	Second Tuesday
195	Peel	Brampton	First Tuesday
198	Couchiching	Orillia	Second Friday
203	Cobalt	Cobalt	Third Tuesday
205	Victoria	Thornhill	First Wednesday
210	Kitchener	Russell	First Friday
212	Mount Sinai	Toronto	First Tuesday
213	Northern Lights	Timmins	Third Wednesday
214	Vimy	Inwood	Second Monday
215	Mimico	Mimico	First Wednesday
217	St. Alban's	Toronto	Third Wednesday
218	Prince Edward	Shelburne	Second Wednesday
219	Ulster	Toronto	Fourth Thursday
220	Lebanon	Lambton Mills	Third Wednesday
221	Durham	Durham	Third Thursday
222	Ottawa	Ottawa	Second Thursday
223	Abitibi	Iroquois Falls	Fourth Friday

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84	Thomas Burke	E. S. Lewis	78	16	..	1	2	...	1	92	18	14	..
88	E. H. Logan	C. W. King	87	9	..	..	5	...	2	89	...	2	..
90	C. Howard	T. R. Bull	176	16	..	..	3	4	2	183	7	7	..
91	A. Geary	P. Phipps	266	9	1	1	4	12	5	256	90	...	10
94	A. Wilson	F. S. Crichton	133	11	..	..	1	...	2	141	35	8	..
95	G. Grieve	P. A. Coates	251	14	1	..	..	..	6	260	28	9	..
102	I. McLean	M. C. Garrow	276	19	..	..	1	...	9	285	58	9	..
103	A. M. Casselman	Dr. B. F. Nott	140	13	1	..	..	..	4	150	51	10	..
104	W. R. Edwards	John G. Hadden	53	11	1	1	..	..	..	66	2	13	..
110	H. S. Ewing	O. B. Phillips	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	49	..	..	1
112	D. R. McCaslin	F. H. Broder	130	3	..	..	1	3	4	125	16	...	5
113	F. Lagden	E. T. Robertson	195	16	..	1	...	2	5	205	35	10	..
114	H. Y. Hohs	H. Young	60	8	..	..	2	...	3	63	18	3	..
115	J. E. Dunn	H. J. Broughton	118	4	..	1	1	...	2	120	17	2	..
116	H. C. Skinner	M. W. Rogers	116	4	..	..	1	...	6	113	56	...	3
117	W. J. Schneller	W. R. Cooper	202	10	1	..	1	1	4	207	15	5	..
119	N. D. Peters	G. Bloomfield	140	7	..	..	1	...	5	141	41	1	..
129	J. Edmunds	F. Porterfield	69	12	..	..	..	..	..	81	3	12	..
130	L. Smith	H. Yates	58	..	..	..	..	3	...	55	7	...	3
131	D. Davidson	G. G. Sinclair	66	4	..	..	..	..	1	69	1	3	..
132	H. Bali	J. N. MacMillan	85	6	2	1	...	3	4	87	4	2	..
133	W. McCollum	C. A. Bailey	136	23	1	..	..	..	1	159	5	23	..
134	K. C. Mark	F. H. Moore	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	2	...	
135	J. K. Noble	H. V. Watson	77	1	1	..	1	4	4	70	11	...	7
138	C. Wells	E. A. Snell	218	6	..	3	2	...	7	218	53	...	..
140	G. H. Iddon	F. Ryder	183	9	1	..	..	6	7	180	8	...	3
143	H. A. Wilkes	W. S. MacLean	47	3	..	..	..	9	2	39	4	...	8
144	B. L. Spencer	C. A. Wilson	38	6	..	..	1	...	..	43	2	5	..
145	Rev. W. J. Johnston	E. H. Pratt	472	14	5	..	3	...	15	473	138	1	..
146	L. Adair	W. H. Sargent	98	6	..	..	..	..	..	104	4	6	..
147	E. Hanis	A. C. Agnew	57	1	..	..	..	..	1	57	..	..	..
148	A. G. Ashley	Dr. D. A. Irvine	62	17	1	1	..	..	..	81	..	19	..
149	W. H. Patterson	W. Hirst	48	5	..	..	1	...	1	51	6	3	..
150	J. W. Ringsdorf	G. T. E. Martin	198	11	2	2	2	...	9	202	81	4	..
151	W. J. Fiebig	C. W. Fraser	94	3	..	..	..	..	2	95	1	1	..
152	W. I. Smith	J. B. Edgar	119	3	1	..	..	2	1	120	23	1	..
153	A. B. Cousins	J. Burnett	81	9	1	1	..	..	3	89	..	8	..
154	.....	C. H. Chapman	74	3	..	..	..	..	..	77	42	3	..
155	T. E. Walker	J. McNicee	77	3	..	..	2	...	2	76	6	...	1
161	L. McCoy	E. T. Nayler	127	11	..	1	2	...	1	136	5	9	..
163	J. R. Mason	A. T. Trotter	91	14	..	..	1	...	4	100	16	9	..
164	R. Lemon	A. Smith	87	1	..	..	..	..	..	88	2	1	..
167	A. N. French	H. E. White	145	1	..	..	..	..	..	146	1	1	..
168	W. A. Kingston	W. H. Brady	125	18	..	1	..	..	1	143	66	18	..
169	J. V. Dinesen	W. S. Lavery	99	4	..	..	1	...	3	99	22	...	..
175	R. E. Davey	D. L. Ewing	133	6	..	1	7	...	1	132	6	...	1
184	A. McHarg	J. A. Bell	69	2	..	..	..	1	2	68	..	..	1
195	C. Cheyne	E. A. Hay	101	8	..	..	..	..	1	108	12	7	..
198	D. A. Taylor	H. K. Maynard	164	7	1	..	1	3	6	162	14	...	2
203	T. R. Edwards	C. F. Southall	75	1	..	..	..	..	3	73	36	...	2
205	C. W. Martin	H. A. Sparks	70	3	..	..	1	...	1	71	17	1	..
210	A. A. Fraser	A. Walker	54	1	..	..	..	..	1	54	21	..	..
212	M. B. Sigal	S. J. Sword	145	21	..	..	..	..	1	165	16	20	..
213	D. T. MacElwee	J. A. Platt	117	6	2	..	..	..	2	123	48	6	..
214	A. A. Campbell	J. S. Maddock	69	5	..	..	1	1	1	71	18	2	..
215	F. J. Clarke	T. B. Rogers	86	5	1	..	..	..	4	88	8	2	..
217	C. R. Kincaid	J. A. Mackie	108	6	..	1	3	...	7	105	6	...	3
218	T. I. Edwards	S. Patterson	32	7	..	..	..	..	1	38	1	6	..
219	L. J. Colling	G. C. Macdonell	82	4	1	..	1	1	1	84	6	2	..
220	J. G. Beckett	W. M. Creech	104	3	..	..	..	..	1	106	..	2	..
221	F. O. Abbott	H. C. McKecknie	36	3	..	..	2	...	1	36	9	..	..
222	F. W. Streines	A. H. McKee	257	19	..	..	5	1	5	265	55	8	..
223	S. E. Farrell	J. R. Spence	38	2	..	..	..	..	2	38	..	..	..

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
224	Keystone	Hamilton	First Monday
225	Beaver	Toronto	Second Wednesday
226	Prince of Wales	Perth	Third Thursday
227	Quinte Friendship	Belleville	Second Monday
230	Port Credit	Port Credit	Fourth Tuesday
231	The St. Clair	Toronto	Second Thursday
232	King Cyrus	Toronto	Third Tuesday
233	Oakwood	Toronto	First Wednesday
234	Halton	Georgetown	Third Friday
235	Aurora	Aurora	Third Friday
236	Caledonia	Caledonia	Fourth Thursday
238	The St. Andrew	London	Fourth Thursday
239	Blenheim	Blenheim	First Wednesday
240	Smithville	Smithville	Fourth Monday
241	University	Toronto	First Tuesday
242	St. Paul's	Lambeth	First Tuesday
243	McKay	Stoney Creek	Second Monday
245	Preston	Preston	Third Tuesday
246	Humber	Weston	Third Friday
247	Nilestown	Nilestown	Third Thursday
248	Dochert	Arnprior	First Monday
249	Palestine	Bowmanville	Third Monday
250	Thomas Peters	Windsor	Second Wednesday
251	Kirkland	Kirkland Lake	Second Monday
252	Hiawatha	Sarnia	First Monday
253	Regal	Port Dover	Second Wednesday
254	Golden Star	Dryden	Third Monday
UD	Tillsonburg	Tillsonburg	First Tuesday

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224	W. Dickson	J. S. Drysdale	105	7	2	2	3		2	111	25	6	
225	A. T. Thorpe	H. W. Richardson	87	5	1	1			2	92	4	5	
226	R. Beeman	L. V. Wood	97	14	1	1				113		16	
227	H. A. Denike	W. M. Barlow	142	13			1	1	3	150	23	8	
230	W. McConnell	A. L. Whittaker	95	5			1		2	97		2	
231	Rev. D. M. Kerr	L. J. Colling	164	27	1		3		2	187	16	23	
232	W. M. McKenzie	W. Steggles	83	5				3	1	84	9	1	
233	G. W. Burnett	A. Swain	63	2	1		1		2	63	4		
234	W. Rigg	E. L. Arnold	83	6	1		2		1	87	3	4	
235	A. C. Welk	Frank Hope	93	6	1		2		5	93	12		
236	E. Burke	A. T. Lang	55	9			1	3		60	2	5	
238	A. T. Sims	A. V. Sedgwick	132	18			1		3	146	24	14	
239	Dr. C. T. Gray	G. C. Rutheriord	85	5					1	89		4	
240	E. Joslin	S. Magder	53	1					1	53			
241	H. S. Biggs	P. S. Comrie	115	4			1		1	117	22	2	
242	L. McConnell	G. U. Howell	56	6				1	1	60	3	4	
243	W. A. James	J. H. Lee	46	8					1	53	4	7	
245	C. Schmeidendorf	A. P. Hertel	71	1				1		71	2		
246	D. Thompson	W. G. Leyland	80	7					1	86	1	6	
247	H. G. Holmes	J. Johnson	84	6		1			2	89	16	5	
248	A. F. Lampole	A. S. McLaren	36	1						37		1	
249	R. E. Logan	L. W. Dippell	89	5			1		2	91		2	
250	C. A. Whitelaw	M. W. Honeyman	232	8					3	237	29	5	
251	E. A. Lavery	J. Scott	103	3			2	2	1	101	6		2
252	D. Burwell	R. A. Bond	130	18					3	145	11	15	
253	V. Ryerse	R. Cooper	62	4					1	65		3	
254	A. Durance	R. E. C. Milling	75	3	1		2		1	76		1	
UD	G. Marshall	L. Mabee		1	24					25		25	
			19312	1322	86	48	154	113	441	20060	3913	825	77

RESTORATIONS — 1949

1—W. H. Blake. 3—William L. Hill. 5—John McKee. 16—Peter Neilson. 20—Frederick C. Tiffin. 22—Frederick E. Housten. 24 — Thomas Masters. 27—John McAllister. 35—Dr. Norman L. Walker. 41—Arthur Russell Seldon. 53—Wallace Austin Reid, J. L. Williams, G. M. McKay. 59—O. L. Tennant, J. L. Owens, W. R. Steele. 62—F. W. Hickley. 64—Herbert R. Waldon. 67—Norman T. McLaughlin. 80—W. S. Evans, R. M. Bright, E. H. Clark, W. A. Richards. 84—William Hayes. 91—Earl Gaukel. 104—John E. Belyea. 113—Charles A. Keddy. 115—Harold A. Garner. 138—S. Williams, Herbert Serals, John Fitzsimmons. 148—George C. MacFarlane. 150—James Insell, Horace Gilbert Matthews. 153—Frederick Leash. 161—A. A. Farrar. 168—A. C. Price. 217—J. Douglas MacBeth. 224—Robert W. Braid, Jonathan Bigrigg. 225—Richard Arnold Taylor. 226—L. B. McLaren. 247—Robert John Lawson.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Lowell B. Boyle
45½ Raleigh Street, Chatham, Ont.

No.			No.		
47.	Wellington	Chatham	119.	King Cyrus	Leamington
71.	Prince of Wales	Amherstburg	153.	Sombra	Wallaceburg
73.	Erie	Ridgetown	164.	Lorne	West Lorne
80.	Ark	Windsor	239.	Blenheim	Blenheim
88.	MacNabb	Dresden	250.	Thomas Peters	Windsor

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Abraham Cavanagh
585 St. James Street, London, Ont.

No.			No.		
3.	St. John's	London	81.	Aylmer	Aylmer
5.	St. George's	London	150.	London	London
15.	Wawanosh	Sarnia	214.	Vimy	Inwood
53.	Bruce	Petrolia	238.	The St. Andrew	London
54.	Palestine	St. Thomas	242.	St. Paul's	Lambeth
74.	Beaver	Strathroy	247.	Nilestown	Nilestown
78.	Minnewawa	Parkhill	252.	Hiawatha	Sarnia

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Francis MacD. Reid.
21 Lynnwood Avenue, Simcoe, Ont.

No.			No.		
18.	Oxford	Woodstock	41.	Harris	Ingersoll
20.	Mount Horeb	Brantford	115.	Brant	Paris
23.	Ezra	Simcoe	253.	Regal	Port Dover
			255.	Tillsonburg	Tillsonburg

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert
1 Lincoln Avenue, Galt, Ont.

No.			No.		
32.	Waterloo	Galt	218.	Prince Edward	Shelburne
40.	Guelph	Guelph	221.	Durham	Durham
67.	Enterprise	Palmerston	234.	Halton	Georgetown
83.	Ionic	Orangeville	245.	Preston	Preston
117.	Kitchener	Kitchener			

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

R. Ex. Comp. Charles Pepper
16 E. 23rd Street, Hamilton, Ont.

No.			No.		
2.	The Hiram	Hamilton	175.	The Hamilton	Hamilton
6.	St. John's	Hamilton	224.	Keystone	Hamilton
75.	St. Clair	Milton	236.	Caledonia	Caledonia
104.	White Oak	Oakville	243.	McKay	Stoney Creek
155.	Ancaster	Ancaster			

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William F. Elliot
Box 23B, Mitchell, Ont.

No.		No.	
24. Tecumseth	Stratford	84. Lebanon	Wingham
30. Huron	Goderich	129. Elliot	Mitchell
46. St. James	St. Marys	130. Chantry	Southampton
63. Havelock	Kincardine	146. Bernard	Listowel
66. The Malloch	Seaforth	147. Lucknow	Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Langman
204 Clarence Street, Port Colborne, Ont.

No.		No.	
19. Mt. Moriah	St. Catharines	69. Grimsby	Grimsby
29. McCallum	Dunnville	76. Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls
55. Niagara	Niagara-on-the-Lake	184. Hugh Murray	Fort Erie N.
57. King Hiram	Pt. Colborne	240. Smithville	Smithville
64. Willson	Welland		

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, No. 8

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Mason
153 Courcellette Road, Toronto, Ont.

No.		No.	
4. St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto	163. The Beaches	Toronto
8. King Solomon's	Toronto	205. Victoria	Thornhill
62. York	Toronto	217. St. Alban's	Toronto
65. St. Paul's	Toronto	225. Beaver	Toronto
79. Orient	Toronto	235. Aurora	Aurora
135. Succoth	Uxbridge	241. University	Toronto
145. The St. Patrick	Toronto		

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, No. 8A

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William E. Gardner
73 McRoberts Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

No.		No.	
77. Occident	Toronto	220 Lebanon	Lambton Mills
91. Toronto-Antiquity	Toronto	230. Port Credit	Port Credit
138. Shekinah	Toronto	231. The St. Clair	Toronto
195. Peel	Brampton	232. King Cyrus	Toronto
212. Mount Sinai	Toronto	233. Oakwood	Toronto
215. Mimico	Mimico	246. Humber	Weston
219. Ulster	Toronto		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Russell Hugh Davidson
361 Cedar Street, Collingwood, Ont.

No.		No.	
27. Manitou	Collingwood	131. Amabel	Wiarton
34. Signet	Barrie	167. Kichikewana	Midland
56. Georgian	Owen Sound	198. Couchiching	Orillia

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Wm. H. Brady
Campbellford, Ont.

No.
28. Pentalpha ..... Oshawa
35. Keystone ..... Whitby
36. Corinthian ..... Peterboro
37. Victoria ..... Port Hope
45. Excelsior ..... Colborne
48. St. John's ..... Cobourg

No.
94. Midland ..... Lindsay
110. Warkworth ..... Warkworth
134. King Darius ..... Cannington
168. Ionic ..... Campbellford
249. Palestine ..... Bowmanville

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Gordon Wm. Bailey
Box 112, Stirling, Ont.

No.
7. The Moira ..... Belleville
26. St. Mark's ..... Trenton
31. Prince Edward ..... Picton
44. Mount Sinai ..... Napanee

No.
72. Keystone ..... Stirling
144. Presqu'Ile ..... Brighton
161. Madoc ..... Madoc
227. Quinte Friendship ..... Belleville

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Clinton A. Markell
121 3rd Street W., Cornwall, Ont.

No.
1. Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Kingston
22. Grenville ..... Prescott
59. Sussex-St.Lawrence ..... Brockville

No.
68. Maitland ..... Kemptville
112. St. John's ..... Morrisburg
113. Covenant ..... Cornwall
132. Leeds ..... Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Clarence A. Bailey
29 Glen Street, Smiths Falls, Ont.

No.
16. Carleton ..... Ottawa
61. Granite ..... Almonte
114. Bonnechere ..... Renfrew
116. Maple ..... Carleton Place
133. St. Francis ..... Smiths Falls
143. Glengarry ..... Maxville

No.
148. St. John's ..... Vankleek Hill
151. Laurentian ..... Pembrooke
210 Kitchener ..... Russell
222 Ottawa ..... Ottawa
226. Prince of Wales ..... Perth
248. Dochert ..... Arnprior

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Cade
204 Water St., Kenora, Ont.

No.
82. Shuniah ..... Port Arthur
90. Golden ..... Kenora
140 Ft. William ..... Ft. William

No.
149. Atwood ..... Rainy River
152. Alberton ..... Ft. Frances
254. Golden Star ..... Dryden

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15
Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Ernest G. Drew
466 Wellington Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

No.		No.	
58. Pembroke	Mattawa	102. Algonquin	Sault Ste. Marie
95. Tuscan	Sudbury	103. St. John's	North Bay

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, No. 16

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Roy A. Bilbrough
P.O. Box 912, Kirkland Lake, Ont.

No.		No.	
169. Temiskaming	New Liskeard	223. Abitibi	Iriquois Falls
203. Cobalt	Cobalt	251. Kirkland	Kirkland Lake
213. Northern Lights	Timmins		

YUKON TERRITORY DISTRICT, No. 17

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Charles Hathway Chapman
Dawson City, Yukon Territory

154. Klondike	Dawson, Y.T.
256 Yukon	Whitehorse, Y.T.

SUSPENSIONS—1949

5—Bloom, Robert Ringate, Bertie Alfred Mowles. 6—William Harrison. 15—W. E. Angleman, D. K. Buchanan, J. E. Burge, T. J. Cooke, George R. Cooper, Walter Frank Foy, George LaVerne McWatters, Angus W. MacDonald, C. E. Pace, Dickson C. Reid. 19—Thomas Wedsworth. 20—R. H. Martin, C. E. Windrim, C. F. Watson, Clement Fletcher, George W. Shepherd, E. A. Scott. 24—George Norman Stone, Frank James Rogers. 26—Robert Dempsey, Alex. Reddick. 30—John Hunter Taylor. 32—Carl Fritz Lawson. 34—James Ford. 41—William Scott Sheppard. 44—Wm. K. Huston, O. M. Storms, J. A. Hicks, L. V. Cowling, M. W. Owen, George S. Chalk, C. M. Sharpe. 48—Fulton McIntosh Roddick. 55—John William Upper, Robin W. Murdock, J. W. McMullen. 63—Eugene Robt. Kent. 66—James H. Humphries, H. P. Plumsteel, H. J. Hodgins. 73—J. G. Marcus, Roy Thomas, R. H. Mitton. 90—E. C. Popham, N. W. Snider, John Collison, J. A. Mahoney. 91.—H. P. Jensen, W. H. Kearns, M. H. Biggs, A. R. Nesbett, W. Mulholland, A. L. Copeland, J. D. Terry, P. H. Hutt, W. J. Twible, David Smart, H. H. Sutherland, W. C. MacDonald. 112—C. H. Hess, A. C. Shaver, L. B. Black. 113—Wilbert Fickes, Stanley Burke. 117—Wm. Henry Bradon. 130—E. F. Millard, J H. Aiken, A. J. Watt. 132—J. H. Dillon, Wilfred Lloyd, J. S. Brown. 135—N. M. Alexander, W. C. Chinn, E. U. Clevland, J. R. Roach. 140—John Dexter, Rev. J. D. McKenzie, L. R. Johnson, John Wilson, J. J. Hunter, C. E. Neuman. 143—John Edgar Cass, David Williamson, Thomas G. Day, Melvin Begg, James Grant, John Ross, Alex. Kennedy, Fred Pickard, J. A. Stewart. 145—John G. Clarke, F. C. Fielding, A. M. Krull. 152—James J. Moore, E. S. Kennedy. 184—Harry H. Holmes. 198—Duncan Bell McDonough, N. B. Balkwell, W. I. Crawford. 214—James E. Reader. 219—Thomas Jolley. 222—C. H. R. Fox. 227—Roy Woodbeck. 232—T. V. Brett, A. B. Clarke, B Smale. 236—J. A. Emerson, C. Emerson, J. E. Simpson. 242—Duncan McIntyre. 245—F. C. Yealland, C. A. Holloway. 251—Norman J. Reilly, Gordon R. Bradshaw.

FIRST PRINCIPALS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS, NAMES AND ADDRESSES, 1950

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8. LeRoy DeWitt, 21 Wimbleton Rd., Toronto, Ont.
15. B. O. Glenn, 285 S. Mitton St., Sarnia, Ont.
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44. George L. Brown, Selby, Ont.
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FOREWORD

For life is the chance of a friend or two
This side of the journey's goal,
Though the world be a desert the long night through
Yet the flowers bloom and the sky shows blue
When a soul salutes a soul.

Once again the staunch ship "Fellowship" enters the homeport after a most delightful and entertaining voyage through the realm of capitularism. Once again we log our experiences and chronicle the features of this eventful journey. Again we exchange greetings with our contemporaries, those who seek to interpret the utterances of the Rulers of the Royal Craft and paint a pen picture of the many and varied activities of our Sister Jurisdictions.

And now "what of the year". It has been very little different to previous years, save only in showing still greater growth in all directions: a fuller recognition of mutual obligations among those of the fold: the solemnity of our rites and ceremonies is more generally appreciated and respected: the beautiful lessons of our esoteric work sought with greater interest and avidity and more liberally applied to the problems of everyday life. The fire of fervency and zeal is burning brightly throughout the Capitular World and we should say "All's well" — "Peace Harmony and Concord reign supreme".

Disturbed conditions in the outer world continue, causing men to seek a peaceful haven within the portals of Masonry. In the busy mart of everyday affairs there is much to encourage us but over all hangs the heavy black pall of social unrest. We must not be unmindful that the windows of the future are lit up with promise, if we have eyes to see, the faith to trust, and the will to work. While in dealing with these problems we find much discouragement and certain misgivings, yet we must recognize the immutable bases, the indestructible forces and let us not be unmindful that above all the tides still ebb and flow, day follows night and the rivers still run down to the sea. We go about our daily tasks using God's gifts and the real truths, the eternal verities remain yet unshaken. Right will prevail and in God's good time will come the solution of our social problems, order will emerge from chaos, then will the clouds of doubt, distrust and suspicion give place to the sunshine of better understanding between man and man.

We find that the beneficent influence of Royal Arch Masonry is in the process of expansion. Each year its radius is extended, its light penetrates the homes of its adherents bringing into every community the influence of its lofty ideals and sublime teachings. Throughout the length and breadth of our Masonic world the sacred light shines forth from our altars and the bright effulgent ray of "truth eternal" brings visions of Hope, Peace and Happiness to all within its sphere.

And now our task is done, another page has been turned in our book of record and as we write "Finis" to another chapter may we express the earnest hope, that He whose Holy Word is both the foundation and copestone of our Masonic structure may endow you with all the signal gifts and graces.

The gifts of kindness and laughter,
And all the gifts of love, faith and friends,
Of justice and truth
And while life lasts and till the journey ends
The priceless gift of youth,
Hope that inspires, and courage that endures,
May all these priceless gifts be yours.

GEORGE L. GARDINER

January, 1950 Fraternal Correspondent and Historian

ALABAMA

James M. Jones—Grand High Priest.

Charles H. Stubinger—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—44, Membership—8539, Gain—477.

The One Hundred and twenty-second Annual Convocation held in Montgomery November 15, 1948.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. Ex. Comp. James M. Jones. The Grand Chaplain led in the Devotional Exercises.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and fifty-nine Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. Many distinguished visitors were introduced and cordially welcomed. These hailed from Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, Florida and the General Grand Chapter. Also well represented were the following Associate Bodies, Royal and Select Masters, Scottish Rite, Red Cross of Constantine, Order of High Priesthood, Knights Templar and the Grand Lodge of Alabama.

The biographical sketch of M. Ex. Comp. Jones impresses one with the wealth of Masonic experience accumulated by him. A Past Grand Master, the present Grand High Priest and a very active participant in practically all of the associate groups.

His address is cleverly put together and rather suggests a report on his year's work. Incorporated in this address are the auditors' report and Financial Statement as well as copies of his correspondence with the constituent chapters. After a gracious welcome to all present he follows with a splendid dissertation on Masonry from which we excerpt the following.—

> "Today as never before, there is greater need for the unity in thoughts, in words and in actions of all the people of the world at large to bring about peace on earth and good will towards men. Our thoughts are manifested and realized in act human or act Divine. The knowledge of the principles of right living have been in man's mind since first his Creator breathed into him, and he became a living soul, but the principles alone never lifted society one step upward on the ladder whose top reaches heaven, EXCEPT when they have been applied through tried and proven personalities, through the words and actions of men who have seen their truth, and sought before God day and night to apply them in every relationship of life."

He pays tribute to the Fraternal Dead with special reference to the loss sustained through the passing of R. Ex. Comp. John Newman Jones.

Many changes among the Grand Representatives are noted. The appointments are all fully set forth and preface several pages dealing with financial reports.

M. Ex. Comp. Jones refers to the consolidation of two chapters and the institution of a new chapter at Red Bay.

An interesting item mentioned by the Grand High Priest refers to a High School Scholarship Loan Fund which from the report seems to have been filed away in the limbo of forgotten things. One of the borrowers now a doctor forwarded a cheque for $50.00 as past payment on the loan he received over twenty years ago. The Grand Secretary finally located the loan as amounting to $2,400.00. Further the old records show that $10,000,00 was loaned from this fund from 1922 to 1931 and according to the Grand High Priest none but the aforementioned doctor have offered to repay one cent of the amount loaned to them for educational purposes.

The charters of six dormant chapters were forfeited after every effort to rejuvenate them had failed.

After a brief reference to School of Instruction, dispensations and recommendations, M. Ex. Comp. Jones brings to a close a fine report.

Finances in Alabama appear sound. Expenses considerably less than income with bank balances of $9,261.00 and investments in U.S. Bonds amounting to $17,300.00.

It is noteworthy that Alabama appoints a great number of committees, these appear to cover all phases of Grand Chapter's activities and indicates that practically all of the administrative work is done in committee leaving very little for discussion on the floor of Grand Chapter.

One of these committees entitled Masonry and American Citizenship is rather unusual. The report deals with the American Creed, Constitution and Government ending with a description of the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Report on Correspondence by P.G.H.P. William W. Waldo covers the review of fifty-two Grand Jurisdictions and in his brief

but interesting Foreword, he comments on the fact that but one of the Grand Chapers under review recorded a loss, which according to Comp. Waldo indicates that Capitular Masonry is in the most encouraging shape. With this statement we are in full accord.

Referring to the Fraternal Correspondents he aptly describes them as a Forum of Workers cultivating a close fraternal friendship.

Canada 1947 is ably reviewed. Coverage is given to our opening ceremonies and the singing of the national anthems of the United States and Canada. May we respectfully remind Comp. Waldo that we no longer sing "God Save the Queen", this dates back to the days of Victoria of revered and beloved memory. We now sing "God Save the King," as an expression of loyalty to one for whom we Canadians have the utmost respect and admiration. Pardon the digression. Liberal extracts are quoted from our Grand Z's address. Comp. Waldo serves us a double portion as he also includes our 1948 Convocation and finds space to quote a line or two from this writer's address of welcome to our visitors. He ends with a congratulatory message on the advance of the Royal Craft in Canada. Thanks for your neighbourly review of our jurisdiction. May we add that we have enjoyed our brief sojourn (by correspondence) in Alabama.

A Parker Mize was elected and installed as Grand High Priest, Chas. H. Stubiner continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Walter F. Estes faithfully represents Canada in Alabama while R. N. McElhinney carries Alabama's commission in Canada.

ARKANSAS

E. R. Wynn—Grand High Priest.

C. D. Hill—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—49, Membership—6696, Gain—753.

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation held in Little Rock, November 18, 1948.

After formally opening Grand Chapter the Grand High Priest called upon the Grand Chaplain to lead in the Devotional Exercises.

Twelve of the fifteen living Past Grand High Priests were present and were cordially welcomed.

Thirty-four Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. Canada's representative was apparently among those absent. Honored guests included representatives of the Grand Chapters of Texas and Missouri. Associate bodies were well represented, the Royal & Select Masters, the Grand Commandery, General Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. The visitors were fraternally received and warmly greeted.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Wynn provides a complete report of the year's activities. After extending a gracious welcome to all present to the Hundredth Anniversary of Grand Chapter, he announced that the Triennial Sessions of General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will be held under the auspices of Arkansas in 1951.

After a short but impressive reference to the Fraternal Dead he listed his appointments and dispensations. Among the latter it is interesting to note are dispensations for the forming of two new Chapters, this combined with his action in restoring the Charter of one Chapter that has been dormant clearly indicates that Royal Arch Masonry in Arkansas is definitely showing an upward trend. Visitations were numerous and fully detailed. Under the heading of "Condition of the Rite" the Grand High Priest speaks encouragingly of the future and leaves little doubt as to the active interest displayed throughout the jurisdiction. He closes a very readable report with words of commendation for the assistance of the Grand Secretary and other officers during his tenure of office.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates finances as comfortably sound. Receipts of $5,827.00 with Disbursements of $3,978.00, cash in Bank of $8,389.99 and investments totalling $6,500.00 tell the story.

From the Grand Secretary we learn that total Assets amount to $15,836.00, this combined with a 12.6% increase in membership leaves little to be desired. One Chapter under dispensation recorded an increase of 260% while others scaled down from 68% gain to 4%. Five of the Chapters reported a loss in membership.

A resolution was introduced and unanimously endorsed to increase the fee payable by subordinate Chapters to Grand Chapter

to $2 00 for registration of each exaltation with a per capita tax of $1.00 per member.

Following the election of officers Vaughan Winston was duly installed as Grand High Priest, the office of Grand Secretary continues the responsibility of C. D. Hill.

We regret that Arkansas does not include in the proceedings a report on Fraternal Correspondence.

The address of the newly-installed Grand High Priest is colorful and carries a worth-while message closing with these words.

> "There is one thing upon which all success hinges; and that is work. There is no man anywhere who has made a success of anything without work, and there is something lacking in a man who does not work, and that is enthusiasm. You never yet saw an enthusiastic man who was lazy."

Canada is represented in Arkansas by George H. Wright, while our Grand Second Principal A. G. N. Bradshaw has the honor of carrying the commission of Arkansas near our Grand Chapter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

John MacLeod—Grand Z.

George Hugh Mackay—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—30, Membership—2958, Gain—233.

The thirty-first Annual Convocation held in Victoria June 15, 1949, Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. Ex. Comp. MacLeod followed by prayers by Rev. T. Spencer Baynes.

Eleven Past Grand Z's graced the East by their presence while thirty Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were formally received.

Among the galaxy of distinguished visitors we note the attendance of leading Royal Craftsmen from the Grand Chapters of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Oregon and Washington. It seems somewhat superfluous to say that all were received with suitable honors.

After the reading of the minutes of the last Grand Convocation the Grand Z. spoke feelingly of the great loss sustained by the death of M. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Watson and called upon M. Ex. Comp.

F. A. Willis to address the assembly. Comp. Willis delivered an impressive and eloquent tribute to the memory of M. Ex. Comp. Watson who he stated was more then a Past Grand Z., indeed he was the Founder and Father of Grand Chapter. From this Memorial we quote the concluding words.

> "So long as this Grand Chapter shall function, it will stand as a living memorial to Harry H. Watson. It was built on a solid foundation, thanks to his wise effort. Being so founded it will continue to rise as a Temple of Service to God and Humanity."

This seems an opportune time to convey to our British Columbia friends our deepest sympathy and to assure them that we share their loss. For many years M. Ex. Comp. Watson has represented our Grand Chapter in British Columbia but, even more than this we older members knew him well and loved him for his sterling qualities. He was in our opinion one of the brightest stars in the firmament of Canadian Masonry. May his memory be kept evergreen for he is one whom we have "loved long since and lost awhile."

The address of the Grand Z. intrigues this correspondent and we are constrained to say that its strongest appeal is found in the straight-forward manner in which he covers his year's work. It is factual, enlightening and free from much of the platitudinous comments which characterize many such addresses. We consider it well up to the lofty standard set by his predecessors in office. After a friendly greeting to all present he spoke sympathetically of the Fraternal Dead, named a number of new Grand Representatives and enumerates his dispensations which were few in number and purely routine. We notice with interest, however, that two of these dispensations were to permit the formation of new chapters which indeed is a good sign and indicates that the Royal Craft in B.C. is on the move. We, also, learn with pleasure that a number of chapters have increased their Exaltation Fee, one to $60.00 and others to $50.00. We have always contended that one of our greatest weaknesses was the low value we very often place on what we have to offer. Candidates are not greatly impressed with a low fee.

But to return to M. Ex. Comp. MacLeod's address we note his comments regarding the organization set up to arrange Annual Conferences of the Grand Chapters of Canada. We agree with all that he has to say and trust that British Columbia may be repre-

sented at future conferences. We find very interesting reading in the Grand Z's. detailed reports of his many visitations. A perusal of this section of his address clearly indicates that he gave generously of his time and talents in the discharge of this phase of his official duty.

Among his recommendations is one to rescind previous rulings and require that all chapter members must maintain membership in a Craft Lodge. This recommendation, however, failed to gain the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence who held that a dimitted Mason is a Mason in good standing.

We quote a comment made by the Grand Z. which is noteworthy.

> "All Chapters have been receiving candidates and conferring degrees, and although candidates are important, conferring degrees is not the primary function of Capitular Masonry, the primary function should be to teach its members the Spiritual lessons inculcated in its Ceremonies and ritual and to make better men and better citizens."

After a glowing tribute to the faithful services of the Grand Superintendents, the Grand Scribe E. and M. Ex. Comp. J. J. Miller the Grand Z. brings to a close a most readable address.

Finances according to the Grand Treasurer appear healthy with a bank balance of $3551.00 and investments of $9500.00.

From the report of the Grand Scribe E. we learn that the year has been one of great activity. He records a net gain of 223 in membership with losses of 103 through death and other causes. It is worthy of note that in the whole jurisdiction there were but nine suspensions.

We have carefully perused the excellent reports of the four Grand Superintendents and that of the Grand Registrar. One has only to read these reports to reach the conclusion that Royal Arch Masonry in B.C. is active, vigorous and virile. We have particularly enjoyed "J.J.'s" comments as Grand Registrar.

The comment by the Committee on the Grand Z's. address with specific reference to the Annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters will be a source of great disappointment to the other Grand Jurisdictions, who have all expressed the opinion that these conferences are helpful and certainly in the best interest of Capitular Masonry. British Columbia will be sorely missed.

The Per Capita Tax was by resolution increased from sixty to seventy-five cents. Increased expenses have forced many Grand Bodies to take similar action.

We cannot refrain from a brief comment on the "Resolution of Loyalty" forwarded to our Most Gracious Sovereign and his Royal Consort. This is a feature of the proceedings of B.C. and will appeal to all right-thinking Craftsmen throughout Canada.

British Columbia has a committee dealing with the matter of the Past Master's degree. To be or not to be is the question and apparently there appears considerable difference of opinion. The committee contents itself by "reporting progress."

And now we turn to the Capitular Review by the one and only J. J. Miller. As usual his Foreword is a literary epic. He makes out a strong case for Fraternal Reviews and regrets that chapter proceedings have not a more wide-spread circulation. To this we offer our mental applause.

He twits his fellow reviewers on being unnecessarily nervous about world conditions. In his own delightful manner he proceeds to quote chapter and verse to prove that there is no need for such apprehension. We like to agree with "J.J." but in this instance we cannot permit ourselves to indulge in "wishful thinking". Conditions in the world today, nationally, industrially and even spiritually are in a chaotic state marked by disputes among nations, churches and a general unrest among the rank and file not only of Canada, but the entire world. No no "J.J." let us hope for the best but complacency is not the best means of combating these conditions.

We can whole heartedly agree with his remarks with regard to the long-range friendship among Fraternal Corerspondents. This opportunity of adding to our chain of friendship provides the most satisfying compensation for our weeks of labor in reading and reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. J. J. is in a most generous mood, he even prefaces his Capitular reviews with reviews of the Southern and Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

Having omitted our Grand Chapter from his last report, he most graciously deals us a double portion this year covering our 1948 and 1949 Convocations. As usual he leaves little to imagination and courteously covers in a most friendly manner both of these Convocations. The Grand Z's. address in 1948 is quoted

liberally. We should remind him, however that our M. Ex. Comp. Dean may have cause for offence. He refers to Comp. Dean being proud of his city Toronto. There is a friendly rivalry between Toronto and Hamilton, and we feel sure that M. Ex. Comp. Dean who hails from Hamilton has civic pride in Hamilton, but it will be surprising if this, also, embraces Toronto so affectionately referred to by many outsiders as "Hog Town". The 1949 address of our Grand Z. is freely quoted and we more than appreciate all the nice things he has to say of our Reviews. We are afraid that his all-too-flattering remarks are prompted by a generous spirit of friendship rather than by any merit in our Reviews. Once again "J.J." we say that it has been a delight to review British Columbia and we should be remiss in our appreciation were we to fail to once more tender our congratulations on a chore well and truly performed.

Following the election of officers, Gerald H. Ledger was duly installed as Grand Z. The office of Grand Scribe E. continues as the responsibility of George Hugh Mackay.

The representative of B.C. near our Jurisdiction is John L. House, while we are honored in having as our representative in British Columbia no less than the retiring Grand Z. M. Ex. Comp. MacLeod.

CALIFORNIA

Geo. G. Verbryck—Grand High Priest.

Chester H. Newell—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—125, Membership—25,330, Gain—1399.

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Convocation held in San Francisco, April 19, 1949 under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Verbryck. Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form, the United States flag was presented and the patriotic exercises were observed.

Edward H. Siems, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge was escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

Honored guests included the rulers of the Grand Chapters of Oregon, Nevada and Arizona. Also present were representatives of General Grand Chapter, the Grand Commandery and the

Grand Council all of whom were cordially welcomed with fitting honors. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-four Grand Representatives were officially received. Angus L. Cavanagh responding for Canada.

The inspirational address of M. Ex. Comp. Verbryck makes very interesting reading. It is eloquent, educational and contains worth-while thoughts and lofty ideals.

After a graceful greeting to those present M. Ex. Comp. Verbryck speaks sympathetically of the Fraternal Dead and launches forth into a report on his official acts. He lists his appointments and comments upon the splendid work of the "Inspectors". Without definite knowledge of the functions of these officials, we assume that they are the counterpart of the Grand Superintendents in Canadian Jurisdictions. Reference is made to the constituting of one new chapter during the year. It is noted that the revision of the Constitution was completed and became immediately effective. The Grand High Priest reports one hundred and eleven visitations all of which are covered in detail in an "Addenda" to his address. In a commentary on the need for better ritualistic work he uses these words.

> "All officers should vie with each other, be alert and on their toes, giving the candidate the full story. He has been used to good work in the symbolic lodge and we should show him also that our work is above reproach. Also a Chapter should have a budget and stay within that budget. Each Chapter should be a going concern to the end that we have efficiency in all sections of the State."

After remarking on the loyal support accorded him by the officers of Grand Chapter during his term of service, the Grand High Priest concludes an appealing address as follows.

> "And now as this report is finished, may the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth look down upon this Convocation, give us strength to do the work that is ahead of us, grant us peace of mind, firmness of Character and animate our hearts that we may reach our desired goal."

The Grand Treasurer's report is interesting with a bank balance of $18,759.00 and total assets of $106,232.00 as the outstanding features.

The very comprehensive report of the Grand Secretary also commands our attention. Notwithstanding losses of 1,008 through a heavy death toll and other causes the net increase in membership reaches the remarkable figure of 1399.

Incorporated in the proceedings is a report of the committee on Masonic Temple. The total assets amount to $783,605.00 with the yearly income totalling $87,124.00. It is worthy of note that dividends paid total $9875.00. We, of course, have no knowledge of the financial set-up but these figures clearly indicate that this project is on a sound basis.

From a most impressive report on Necrology we extract these beautiful lines.

"We cannot see far down the trail;
Like twisting vine, it winds and bends
As if to hide from human sight
The devious ways which all life wends.,

"Then trudge along each weary mile
With patience till the trail runs by
The flowered fields of lasting joy
In God's eternal home on high."

It is regrettable that Ex. Comp. Paulin's report on Correspondence was not completed in time for publication. Comp. Paulin has established his report and reviews on an exceedingly high plane and their omission this year will be noted with keen disappointment by those whose pleasure it is to read and comment on such reports. Frankly we miss the splendid Foreword which prefaces the reviews. We sincerely trust that a year hence we may be again privileged to peruse one of Comp. Paulin's literary treats.

Following the elections C. Stanley Chapman was formally installed as Grand High Priest. Chester H. Newell was re-invested as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened April 18, 1949.

We are indebted to Angus L. Cavanagh for the faithful representation which he gives Canada in California. Equally faithful is W. H. C. McEachern California's representative near our Grand Chapter.

COLORADO

G. Gordon Julien—Grand High Priest.

Harry W. Bundy—Grand Secretary.

Chapter—46, Membership—6,490, Gain—323.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Convocation held in Denver, Sept. 23, 1948.

M. Ex. Comp. Julien opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests and forty-five Grand Representatives were accorded the usual courtesies.

Visitors from Kansas and New Mexico were introduced and welcomed. Present also and received with fitting honors were the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado and the Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S.M.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Julien is masterful and while recording his official acts, also contains much sage advice and many worthwhile thoughts.

From his opening remarks we quote these encouraging words.

> "You, my Companions, through your cooperation and assistance, have written another great chapter in the annals of Capitular Masonry in Colorado. We have had a very satisfactory increase numerically. No doubt there will be more 10% chapters this year than last, but my Companions, numbers and dollars count for but little or nothing in Freemasonry. The increase in Spirit of Capitular Masonry has been overwhelming."

Reference to the Fraternal Dead is made in gracious and sympathetic terms with a special tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest John H. Gabriel and Grand Master John R. Swinton.

Glowing words of commendation were paid to the Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary for their unflagging support and assistance.

Visitations were many and a perusal of the detailed reports causes one to feel that these visits were productive of much good. That good-fellowship and harmony abound cannot be denied the Grand High Priest being feted with everything from oysters, strawberry short cake to doughnuts and coffee. The graphic descriptions of these visits makes enjoyable reading and in parts rather appeals to one's appetite.

Dispensations were numerous but contain little of interest to an outsider.

The address concludes with a number of apparently worthwhile suggestions. Among these we note with surprise that one chapter offers a reduced exaltation fee to candidates who petition for all the so-called York Rite degrees. The Grand High Priest expresses this correspondent's opinion clearly, when he refers to this

as a deplorable action and recommends official proceedings against the Officers of the Chapter in question.

We quote the final lines of this entertaining address.

> "Do the best you can, where you are, with what you have and I have done just that."

Grand Treasurer Ilchman reports receipts $6,858.00, disbursements $5,532.00 with investments of $15,000.00. On the surface this appears to be a very sound fiscal position.

The Grand Secretary's report is indicative of a very busy and successful year. Notwithstanding 142 deaths the net gain in membership is 323, a very commendable record indeed.

The report of the Grand Lecturer presents a clear-cut pen picture of conditions throughout the jurisdiction. The combined assets of the subordinate chapters amount to the amazing total of $447.200.00.

Charles F. Banzhaf Jr. sponsors the report on Correspondence. Following a somewhat unusual method of reviewing other jurisdictions his report presents non-statistical items taken from the forty-one Grand Chapters under review. From each he has selected excerpts that are considered interesting and instructive. From Canada he has selected a generous extract from this writer's address of welcome to our visitors, and a paragraph from our Grand Z's. address.

We are rather intrigued with Comp. Banzhaf's system. While statistics and other matter are not quoted, he extracts the highlights of each proceeding and in so doing eliminates the need of mulling through pages of uninteresting material in order to find the golden nugget. Congratulations on your report Comp. Banzhaf.

From an eloquent and impressive report by the Committee on memorials, we extract the following beautiful thought poetically expressed.

> "He was a friend whose heart was good;
> He walked with men and understood
> And now he has journeyed on."

Following the election of Officers William C. Gray was formally installed as Grand High Priest. Harry W. Bundy was again the choice for Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Jules S. Vaughan ever faithful to his trust represents Canada in Colorado while Kenneth S. Clark performs a similar duty for Colorado near our Grand Chapter.

CONNECTICUT

Bertram F. Bruce—Grand High Priest.

Bliss W. Clark—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—46, Membership—10,812, Gain—281.

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Convocation held in Harttord, May 11, 1948, with M. Ex. Comp. Bruce presiding.

Following the ceremonial opening prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain followed by the presentation of the Flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

Forty-two jurisdictions were represented by their accredited representatives. Owing to the absence of ever faithful George N. Delop, Canada was not officially represented. The Grand High Priest had the support of fourteen Past Grand High Priests.

The attendance of distinguished guests was exceptionally numerous. Rulers of the following Grand Chapters being in attendance, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Ohio, and our own jurisdiction in the person of F. W. Dean, Grand First Principal.

Associate bodies included Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Master of Grand Lodge and a delegation from the General Grand Chapter. It seems somewhat superfluous to say that all were received cordially and with suitable honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest while not fulsome nevertheless gave full coverage to the year's official acts.

After a greeting to all present M. Ex. Comp. Bruce spoke briefly of the convocation being the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Just here this correspondent tenders felicitations upon 150 years of active service to Royal Arch Masonry.

The Grand High Priest proceeded to pay tribute to the Fraternal Dead with a special reference to the lamented deaths of Past Grand High Priests John C. Stanley and Burton L. Tuttle.

Decisions and dispensations were referred to although from an outsider's viewpoint none of these covered exceptional circumstances and require no comment.

Visitations were enumerated and among these we note a friendly reference to the visit to our Grand Chapter the first time in many years Connecticut has been represented at the Grand Chapter of Canada. We should like to feel that this may become an annual event.

After paying tribute to the co-operation of the Grand Chapter officers, the Grand High Priest concludes his valedictory with these words.

> "One hundred and fifty years is a long time, but in the life of a great Fraternity like ours founded by men who trusting in God and guided by the hand of that Unseen Power it is but a short while.
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> "While we today memorize a great Heritage, we should not forget that it is our great Duty to add to the History of Capitular Masonry by Deeds and Actions, of some good to the Fraternity, such that can be looked back upon by the generations to come."

As noted in previous reviews all of the officers present a written report and these provided much interesting reading.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we find that income was far in excess of disbursements while total assets amount to $14,528.

From the somewhat abbreviated report of the Grand Secretary, we learn that despite a heavy loss through death the membership increased by 281.

George C. Devaul presented beautifully written memorials commencing with these lines.

> "When I consider the Heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the sun and the moon, and the stars which Thou has ordained,
> What is man?"

Closing with these impressive words.

> "Like the tiny animals which live but a short time and die to make the coral of the sea more beautiful, so our companions lived yesterday to make a brighter tomorrow."

We regret that Connecticut does not publish a review. To

replace this we find an intensely interesting historical sketch of the Grand Chapter's progress down through the years from 1798 to 1948.

Herbert R. Trolle was elected Grand High Priest while George C. Devaul continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened May 1, 1949.

Harvey J. Milne represents Connecticut near our Grand Chapter while as already noted M. Ex. Comp. George N. Delop carries Canada's commission in Connecticut.

DELAWARE

F. Irving Crow—Grand High Priest.

Marshall M. Carpenter—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—5, Membership—1005, Gain—6.

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation held in Wilmington, January 19-1949.

Grand Chapter having been declared duly open nineteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-seven Grand Representatives were formally received. Visitors from neighbouring Grand Chapters were introduced, these included representatives of Pennsylvania, Connecticutt, Maryland, New York, Virginia, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. Also in attendance were leaders of the Scottish Rite, Grand Council, Knights Templar, Red Cross of Constantine, and M. Wor. Bro. James Carswell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. A fraternal welcome and suitable honors were accorded these distinguished vistors.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Crow while not lengthy was nevertheless complete and provides interesting reading. From his introductory remarks we find much to attract our attention, indeed the following may well be termed inspiring. We quote.

> "In the walks of life there is nothing more honorable than being a good citizen; in Masonry there is nothing more sublime than being a good Mason, for Masonry stands pre-eminently as a living, resistless power whose end and aim is the exaltation of man and the glory of 'The Great I Am.'
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> "The supreme need of the world today is not a new code of living, but a new heart. Treaties will always be scraps of paper unless in men's hearts there is a spirit of righteousness. Covenants are torn into tatters and trampled under the feet of men who do not have the fear of God in their

hearts. No man can trust himself with authority unless he recognizes a moral authority above his own will. No group has any right to power unless it recognizes a moral authority above its own will. No group has any right to power unless it recognizes power as a responsibility and not as a right."

This section of the address closes with a quotation from Frederick C. Maker's well beloved poem.—

"God send us men whose aim 'twill be,
Not to defend some ancient creed,
But to live out the laws of Right
In ev'ry thought and word and deed.

"God send us men of steadfast will,
Patient, courageous, strong and true;
With vision clear and mind equipped,
His will to learn, His work to do.

"God send us men with hearts ablaze,
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need
These are the bulwarks of the State."

After a sympathetic reference to those who during the past year have passed through the Veils to enter into the fuller life "Hereafter", he proceeded to record his visitations, these were quite numerous and apparently covered all the subordinate Chapters as well as many Sister Jurisdictions and Associate Bodies.

Dispensations were confined to two and these covering purely routine matters. After a word of commendation for the splendid assistance rendered by the Grand Secretary and other officers the Grand High Priest spoke of the need for an Educational Campaign and recommended that the Educational Committee give serious thought to the development of helpful literature.

It is noteworthy that the late Albert T. Hanly formerly of Philadelphia provided in his will that a Trust to adminster his Delaware estate be set up and the Board of Governors include representatives of the Masonic bodies. This fund to be used for religious, charitable, educational, social and recreational purposes for the poor and needy of the State of Delaware. M. Ex. Comp. Hanly was a distinguished Craftsman and one whose friendship this correspondent prized very highly and the provisions of his will are just what we should expect from one who during his lifetime was kind, benevolent, generous, and a true Mason in every sense of the term.

After making his report as one of the Governors of the Trust M. Ex. Comp. Crow brought to a conclusion a very fine address.

Fiscal affairs as recorded in the Grand Treasurer's report appear to be sound and well managed.

The report of Grand Secretary Carpenter covers administrative matters and informs us that despite a heavy death rate Delaware was able to report a net gain in membership.

J. Ralph Carey was elected and installed as Grand High Priest, Marshall M. Carpenter was re-elected as Grand Secretary.

We note that a Committee on Correspondence was appointed but are sorry that Delaware does not publish Fraternal Reviews. The report of the Committee was brief in the extreme.

The Order of High Priesthood convened December 28-1948. Canada is represented in Delaware by N. D. Rand, while Delaware's representative in Canada is George Slack of Toronto.

ENGLAND

The Duke of Devonshire—First Grand Principal.

Sydney A. White—Grand Scribe E.

A Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held in London, July 28, 1948. Grand Chapter was opened in Antient and Solemn form by the First Grand Principal. A distinguished visitor was received in the person of M. Ex. Comp. Rt. Rev. Bishop W. G. Hilliard, First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was presented and dealt with. Petitions for the formation of twenty-one new chapters were received and favorably recommended.

Due to the difficulty in securing material for the ribbon used in the aprons of officers of Supreme Grand Chapter, permission was given to reduce the width from four to three inches. For the same reason permission was also given for the companions to appear without the regulation sash.

In his address the First Grand Principal extended a warm welcome to Bishop Hilliard of New South Wales. He spoke most en-

couragingly of the progress of Royal Arch Masonry using these words.—

> "It was most encouraging to find more and more Brethren turning their attention to this spiritual side of Freemasonry, and it was a great stimulus to all to have Brethren from the Dominions present. It was especially interesting to know that, in the vast assemblage of the heads of the Church in London, a large number took an active part in Freemasonry, thus emphasising the importance they attached to its work."

After a suitable response by M. Ex. Comp. Hilliard, Grand Chapter was closed in full form followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Quarterly held November 3rd, 1948 with the First Grand Principal presiding This meeting was largely devoted to receiving administrative reports. Nine petitions for new chapters were received and considered and other routine business transacted.

Quarterly held February 2nd, 1949 with the Earl of Scarbrough on the Throne. After receipt of the financial statement and a further list of petitions for new chapters, a lengthy discussion took place on whether certain Masonic groups should come under the category of "Chapters of Instruction" even though they have been operating for many years as "Chapters of Improvement." It was finally decided to withhold a decision until consideration is given to the advisability of altering the existing regulations.

Following a brief address by the Acting First Grand Principal Grand Chapter closed in Antient and Solemn form.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales

Brig. General William H. Darell—Grand Master.

Major Sir Thomas Lumley-Smith—Grand Secretary.

Quarterly communication held August 31, 1948 under the direction of the Grand Master. Following the Opening Ceremonies reports of the various committees were received.

The Grand Master announced the death of many honored brethren.

Warrants were issued for the formation of two new lodges.

It is interesting to note that the Mark Benevolent Fund according to a report presented totals approximtely $150,000.00.

Grand Lodge closed in Ample Form.

Quarerly held November 30, 1948 with the Grand Master on the Throne. After the formal opening nominations were held for the various offices for the ensuing year, M. Wor. Bro. Darell was the only nominee and was unanimously elected Grand Master. The Most Worshipful Brother named his many appointments and referred to the loss sustained through the passing of many distinguished brethren.

After an encouraging report by the Grand Secretary on the New Premises Fund the Grand Master closed Grand Lodge in ample form followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

We regret that our review of Supreme Grand Chapter and the Mark Grand Lodge is so brief. This is entirely due to the fact that we have received reports on but two quarterly meetings.

FLORIDA

David M. Winans—Grand High Priest.

John B. Phelps—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—42, Membership—6810, Gain—463.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation held in Bradenton, May 25th with M. Ex. Comp. Winans presiding.

Present were twelve Past Grand High Priests and thirty Grand Representatives. Among the distinguished visitors we note representatives of the Grand Chapters of Ohio, New York, Wisconsin and Tennessee, also delegates from the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Winans while anything but lengthy covers in detail his official acts and provides the reader with a fair picture of conditions in Florida. After his introductory remarks the Grand High Priest spoke feelingly of the Fraternal Dead with a special reference to the great loss sustained through the passing of M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Herring and M. Ex. Comp. Dr. F. W. Schultz. Due to conditions beyond his control the Grand High Priest was forced to limit the number of his visitations. These are all set forth in detail. Dispensations and rulings were few in number. Among the latter is one seeking permission by a chapter to make a donation of $500.00 to a Craft Lodge. This request was

refused but as no information is given as to the reason for this donation, this correspondent merely mentions it as unusual. In Canada Craft Lodges are generally in a better financial position than the chapters and it would indeed be surprising were a chapter asked to contribute to a lodge.

After referring to appointments the Grand High Priest made a number of recommendations. Among these we note one to provide a suitable cup to be given to the chapter with the greatest increase in membership each year. Another suggests that a gift be given each year to the companion who secures the largest number of reinstated members. These recommendations did not meet with the approval of the Committee on Finance, and as a result were not ratified. M. Ex. Comp. Winans brings a fine address to a conclusion with a glowing tribute to the Grand Secretary and other officers for services rendered during the year.

From a very impressive report on Memorials we extract the following.

> "Companions, we are living in a grand and awful time; the world is aflame with hatred; all that we as Masons hold dear and sacred, is threatened, Communism as a black demon, advances over much of the earth. Today the trial of history is coming to an end. We shall live to see either the greatest age men ever saw or an unimaginable disaster the like of which the imagination cannot even fancy. However, we as Masons are instructed to follow our Divine Guide and fear no danger."

In a beautiful tribute to the late M. Ex. Comp. Herring the committee uses these well beloved lines.

> "The Master lived by the side of the road,
> And walked where the dust lay thick.
> He raised the fallen, straightened the lame,
> And helped and healed the sick.
> He stopped to chat with sinner or saint,
> With ruler or publican;
> He was then, and will ever continue to be,
> The greatest Friend of man."

Figures secured from the Grand Treasurer's report indicate that all is well financially with Grand Chapter. Bank balance is shown as $13,761.00 with $1,000.00 invested in Government Bonds.

The Grand Secretary's report is also of interest. A net gain in membership of 463 is shown while under the caption of "Emeritus," there appears 163. While naturally we understand the term "Emeritus," we fail to understand its application to membership, unless it means that in Florida a companion who has served for many years is rewarded by continued membership without payment of dues.

The Grand Senior Warden of Grand Lodge being in attendance made a request on behalf of the Grand Master that Grand Chapter contribute $1,000.00 to the Masonic Foundation Home Fund. The Committee on Finance after consideration recommended action be taken but further recommended that the amount to be contributed be considerably reduced.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was brief in the extreme and a motion to print the report in the proceedings was defeated by a standing vote.

Leslie C. Bortle was elected and installed Grand High Priest. John B. Phelps continues as Grand Secretary. Miami was selected as the next place of meeting.

H. J. Wendland represents Canada in Florida, while Kenneth N. Carrie is Florida's representative near our Grand Chapter.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Dr. E. W. Spottswood—General Grand High Priest.

Roscoe R. Walcutt—General Grand Secretary.

The Forty-Seventh Triennial Convocation was held in New York, October 6, 7, 1948 with our very good friend M. Ex. Comp. E. E. Dusenbery, General Grand King presiding in the absence of Dr. Spottswood through illness.

It is some years since we were privileged to review the proceedings of General Grand Chapter. Through the courtesy of M. Ex. Comp. Dusenbery a copy of the proceedings of the 1948 Triennial has been received and we have carefully perused its contents with much interest.

First may we say that the Biographical sketch of M. Ex. Comp. Spottswood commands our attention. The most remarkable feature is the time that he as a physician has devoted to our beloved Masonic art. A Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Montana, Past Grand Master of Crytic Masonry, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and a leader in practically all the associated branches of the Craft enabled him to assume the office of General Grand High Priest with a wealth of experience seldom enjoyed by any one individual. It is indeed regrettable that impaired

health forced him in April, 1947 to relinquish his duties as General Grand High Priest although continuing in office.

The General Grand Chapter assembled under the sponsorship of the Grand Chapter of New York with M. Ex. Comp. Lobee presiding. After receiving the General Grand Officers, M. Ex. Comp. Dusenbery declared General Grand Chapter opened in due form. Forty-eight Grand Chapters were represented as well as a number of subordinate chapters unattached to Grand Chapters and a host of distinguished visitors. These latter included representatives of General Grand Council, the Knights Templar, and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. From the latter's remarks we extract the following:

> "Freemasonry was never needed more than it is today. Man's inhumanity to man has never been more evident nor more discouraging than it is today. But there are influences which tend in the other direction. We push further and further the circle around the world. Some day the leaven will work. Men will practice the Golden Rule everywhere."

From the inspirational address of M. Ex. Comp. Spottswood we find much that is informative and instructive. After extending a formal welcome to all present and reporting on his many official acts and visitations Dr. Spottswood spoke feelingly of the loss sustained through death of many pillars of the Craft. He expressed his gratitude to those who during his tenure of office rendered assistance and brought his valedictory to a close with these words:

> "And now my Companions, may I thank you for the honors which you have so graciously bestowed upon me. May our convocation be harmonious and helpful to the great cause which we represent."

Finances according to the fiscal report appear sound with a Permanent Fund investment of $58,000.00.

From a comprehensive report by the General Grand Secretary, we note that Honorary membership was conferred upon the First Grand Principals of England and Scotland. We quote his concluding words:

> "This in brief is a summary of the activities of the General Grand Secretary's office. A General Grand Secretary must of necessity be from year to year increasingly impressed by the things which are accomplished in this great institution whose labors are in the field of morality and spirituality where accomplishment cannot be measured by material tests. But he is also equally impressed by the great task yet undone."

From a literary treat by Dr. F. M. Meek, General Grand Chaplain we quote a brief extract as a sample of the wonderful message delivered by Dr. Meek:

"When man would kill democracy they attack first the prevailing Hebrew and Christian religious faiths and practices. Adolph Hitler's regime was at all times desperately uneasy whenever it saw religious beliefs and practices influencing the lives of men, through the Protestant, the Jewish or the Catholic Churches. Within Germany itself, the chief opposition that was offered to Adolph Hitler came from these disparaged religious institutions. Let no amount of repetition dim for us the significance of Albert Einstein saying that when he was in Germany he had expected the universities, the press, science, the legal profession, business, trade unions, to oppose the totalitarian claims made by the Nazi party. But each one of those organizations and institutions fell by the way, (and it was in each instance because it had no sense of an Absolute to which it was finally responsible). The religious institutions alone, he said, stood across the path of the totalitarian party. True, the opposition offered was not strong enough to stem the tide. But nevertheless the attempt is one of the most heroic of all the stories which have come out of that European debacle.

From a very impressive report on Memorials by a committee under the chairmanship of J. Fairbairn Smith of Michigan, we quote the beautiful thought poetically expressed in the closing lines of the report:

"More homelike seems the vast unknown
Since they have entered there;
To follow them were not so hard
Wherever they may fare.
They cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore;
Whate'er betides, Thy love abides
Our God, for evermore."

Folowing the election of officers M. Ex. Comp. E. E. Dusenbery was installed General Grand High Priest. Roscoe R. Walcutt, of course, continues in the office he graces so well as General Grand Secretary.

As already noted we have found these proceedings most interesting and regret that lack of space prevents a more generous review of the contents which have much reader interest and has been throughly enjoyed by this correspondent.

KANSAS

Theodore P. Perry—Grand High Priest.

Elmer F. Strain—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—91, Membership—14,448, Gain—701.

The Eighty-Fourth Annual Convocation held in Wichita, February 7th, 1949.

M. Ex. Comp. Perry opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form followed by the devotional exercises led by the Grand Chaplain.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-seven Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. Canada was ably represented by Roy H. Clossen.

Distinguished guests included the Grand High Priests of Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Associate bodies represented were Grand Council, The Grand Lodge of Kansas, Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite. All were received with honors and warmly welcomed.

We have read with interest the fine address of M. Ex. Comp. Perry. It was most informative and carried an inspiring message. After a gracious greeting to those in attendance he spoke forcefully of the need for a co-operative effort on the part of the officers of Grand Chapter. We like his comments on friendship and quote.—

> "Your very best in fellowship, friendliness and a smiling countenance are most earnestly solicited throughout this entire meeting, that no one may return to his home without having made a new friend or tied an old friend closer."

Paying tribute to the Fraternal Dead he used this poetic thought.—

> "There must be something after death;
> Behind the toil of man,
> There must exist a God Divine
> Who's working out a plan;
> And this brief journey that we know
> As life, must really be
> The gateway to a finer world
> That some day we shall see."

After naming appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives he enumerated his dispensations. Thirty-two in number they all dealt with routine matters. He instituted a plan to give "Honorable Mention" to all chapters recording 10% or more increase in membership. It is noteworthy that twenty-two chapters reported gains from 10% to 37%. Visitations to constituent chapters and other bodies are fully set forth and appear quite numerous. By edict he gave discretionary power to the High Priests of chapters to eliminate certain portions of the closing ceremony, claiming that at a late hour in closing, there was a need for a shortening of the closing exercises. M. Ex. Comp. Perry closed an

exceedingly interesting address with words of thanks for all who during the year had been of assistance to him.

From the Grand Treasurer we learn that receipts exceeded disbursements with a General Fund of $12,408.00, a Charity Fund of $1,792.00 and investments totalling $16,000.00.

The Committee on Memorials presented a most impressive report closing with Kiplings immortal poem "When Earth's Last Picture is Painted" a portion of which we quote.—

> "When earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are twisted and dried,
> When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
> We shall rest, and, faith we shall need it — lie down for an aeon or two,
> Till the Master of all good workmen shall put us to work anew.
> And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
> And no one will work for money, and no one shall work for fame,
> But each for the joy of working, and each in his separate star
> Shall draw the Thing as he sees It for the God of Things as they are."

The Correspondence Review is from the pen of Ex. Comp. Kenneth N. Pomery. Prefacing the reviews Comp. Pomeroy refers to the number of Grand Chapters who do not publish reviews. From a brief but interesting Foreword we quote his opening paragraph.—

> "In this second presentation of a review of Proceedings of other Jurisdictions we are still beset with misgiving, lest the requirement of brevity force us to omit much of beauty and interest. There is much that is unusual and worthy of being copied."

As we scan through the Reviews we find alas that Canada is among the missing. This is disappointing but no doubt our proceedings failed to reach Kansas in time for inclusion. Perhaps we may be in better luck next year. Congratulations Comp. Pomeroy on a very splendid review of the several jurisdictions covered, we have enjoyed your report.

Ottis B. Allen was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. The secretaryship remains the responsibility of Elmer F. Strain.

The Order of High Priesthood convened February 7th, 1949.

As already noted Roy H. Clossen is our faithful representative in Kansas while A. P. Goering is the representative of Kansas near our Grand Chapter.

KENTUCKY

Clarence E. Tyree—Grand High Priest.

Chas. H. A. McGaughey—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—99, Membership—12,913, Gain—1090.

The One Hundred and Thirty-First Annual Convocation held in Louisville, October 19, 20, 1948.

Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form by M. Ex. Comp. Tyree followed by the Invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests graced the proceedings by their presence while fifty-two Sister Jurisdictions were represented in the persons of their Grand Representatives. A. Gorden Sulser responded for Canada. Visitors were not numerous, they included the Grand High Priests of Virginia and West Virginia, the Grand Secretary of Tennessee and the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Colorado and Virginia. All were cordially welcomed and received with the customary Grand Honors.

One may well be justified in the use of many superlatives in providing a description of M. Ex. Comp. Tyree's address. However, we content ourselves by saying that it is most readable and very entertaining. From his opening these words.—

> "At this time we are faced by a conflict of idealogies — democracy versus communism. The latter has infiltrated and indoctrinated to an alarming degree our American electorate and cherished institutions despite the caution and foresight of our "Founding Fathers." Our nation prefers our "time honored" institutions instead of the Slavonic civilization which boasts of leaving God out of their lives and type of government."

After a thoughtful reference to the passing of M. Ex. Comp.'s J. M. Cochran, Allen C. Terhune and Ray G. Tipton, he launched into a detailed account of his many visitations.

Dispensations were few and relatively unimportant. After naming his appointments and referring to various routine matters, M. Ex. Comp. Tyree brings his valedictory to a close with this poetic gem.—

> "I thank you one and all,
> Though my work is done. How well,
> Only the Master knows.
> One never sees the fruits,
> Of all the seed he sows.
> It may have been only my part
> To patiently till the sod,
> One plants, one waters,
> But the increase comes from God."

The report of the Grand Treasurer informs us that the fin-

ancial situation of Grand Chapter is decidedly sound. Receipts well in advance of expenditures and investments totalling $59,000.00.

Grand Secretary McGaughey's report is comprehensive embracing all phases of administration. The high-light being an increase in membership of 1090.

From a most impressive report on Necrology, we quote a verse or two of the beautiful poem "I move into the light."—

> "Out of the struggles of church and state,
> Out of the empire of pride and hate,
> Up through the beautiful sapphire gate,
> 'I move into the light!'
>
> "Beyond the noise of creation's jars,
> Higher than all the worlds and stars,
> Higher than limits of reason's bars,
> 'I move into the light!' "

Among the routine matters disposed of we note that one chapter was granted a charter, two chapters formed a consolidation and one chapter was fined $5.00 for failure to pay dues within the prescribed time. We think this latter action should have a salutary effect on delinquents and result in dues being settled promptly.

The Fraternal Review is from the pen of Past Grand High Priest Geo. L. Blackford who succeeds the late M. Ex. Comp. Terhune as Fraternal Correspondent. May we take this opportunity of expressing our profound regret in the death of one of our best beloved Correspondents. Comp. Terhune has occupied an elevated position among the members of the Round Table. His reviews were masterly and set a lofty standard. We share with Kentucky the loss of this outstanding Craftsman. He was among our best and his scholarly writings will be sorely missed.

To M. Ex. Comp. Blackford we extend fraternal greetings. May his work as a reviewer bring to him the pleasure that we know characterized the work of his illustrious predecessor. His Foreword is brief but interesting and ends with this phrase, "With deepest humility the following pages are submitted." We suggest that he is a worthy successor to Comp. Terhune and we are assured that the high standard of Kentucky's reviews will be ably maintained.

And now for his first review of Canada. Our 1948 Convocation enjoys full coverage. In abbreviated form he carries through our

various activities and leaves little to be desired We are particularly happy to note his favourable comment on our last review. Such compliments provide full compensation for any effort put forth by this reviewer. As usual we have enjoyed our stay in Kentucky (by correspondence of course) and shall look forward to a better acquaintance with Comp. Blackford with the passing of time. In the meantime, accept our congratulations on a job well done.

Carl W. Bridges was elected Grand High Priest. Charles K. A. McGaughey was re-elected Grand Secretary.

As already noted A. Gordon Sulser is our representative in Kentucky while the Rev. A. S. H. Cree is Kentucky's representative in Canada.

IRELAND

Sir Milne Barbour—Grand King.

Henry C. Shellard—Grand Registrar.

The stated Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are held at Dublin on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, July and November.

From a letter dated January 4, 1949 from the Deputy Grand King and addressed to the Grand Registrar we extract the following:

> "Last year the Most Excellent Grand King was in South Africa, this time he is on his way to New Zealand, encouraged by the success of his former trip. His enthusiasm, enterprise and energy are an example to all of us. It is to be expected that his tour of the Antipodes will emphasize his popularity with all members of the Order and the closeness of the ties that bind us all together, and that he will return to us in the best of health and vigour."

During the year three new warrants were issued which indicates that Ireland in common with the majority of jurisdictions within the realm of the Royal Craft is making distinct progress in the right direction.

Reference is made to the passing of many outstanding Craftsmen with a special tribute to the memory of R. Ex. Comp. Rev. Francis Wilson, who for many years has actively served as Grand Chaplain.

Numerous "Chapters of Instruction" were held during the year and from the report before us these were all carried through in an exemplary fashion and should be productive of the desired results.

Reports from the District Grand Chapters of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Londonderry, Munster, North Connaught, North Munster, Wicklow, South Eastern and Midland Counties provide very interesting reading and give one a splendid pen picture of Royal Arch conditions in Ireland.

We are also intensely interested in reports from the far flung outposts of the jurisdiction such as New Zealand, South Africa and Natal. Apparently in New Zealand there are two chapters, three in South Africa, and two in Natal.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we learn that finances are sound with solid investments in Government bonds.

In comparison with Canadian Chapters it is noteworthy that the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues is extremely limited. Apparently like England and Scotland the Companions of Ireland take their Masonic obligations seriously. This is reflected in the care exercised both in payment of dues and in their regular attendance at Chapter meetings. It seems to this correspondent that we in Canada have much to learn from our Old Country brethren.

Canada's representative in Ireland is H. C. Shellard, while R. W. McFadden represents Ireland near our Grand Chapter.

LOUISIANA

Curtis B. Hair—Grand High Priest.

Lee W. Harris—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—50, Membership—6960, Gain—575.

The One Hundred and First Annual Convocation held in New Orleans February 18, 1948.

Grand Chapter having been opened in Ample Form the acting Grand Chaplain led in the Devotional Exercises.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests answered the roll-call. At this juncture a memorial to the memory of Past Grand High Priest L. S. Haas Sr. was read by the Grand Secretary and from this most impressive "In Memoriam" we extract these well-known lines.—

> "Life is real, Life is earnest,
> And the grave is not its goal;
> Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
> Was not spoken of the soul."

Visitors were numerous and hailed from all parts of the compass. Grand Jurisdictions represented included, Nebraska, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Indiana, Illinois, South Carolina and Texas. Grand Lodge was represented by the Grand Master and a number of his officers as also were the Grand Council and Grand Commandery. The Grand High Priest extended a warm fraternal greeting to these honoured and distinguished guests.

The address of the Grand High Priest at first appears somewhat lengthy, but when read and one considers that he has detailed his many visits and included reports of the District Deputies, it becomes apparent that the subject matter of the address proper is not of undue length. On the contrary it is a splendidly compiled report, interesting, instructive and in parts definitely inspiring. Opening with a friendly welcome to all present he next spoke sympathetically of the great loss sustained through the passing of many pillars of the Craft. From this eloquent tribute we extract the following.—

> "Death is our familiar but unbidden guest. It opens the gate of eternity, and reveals to us and our loved ones the mystery of immortality.
> "We endeavor to peer through the purple gates of morning, but ere the roseate mists of dawn which veil the secret have rolled away, the glory of the sun fills the portals. We follow through the years of sunlight and storm, but the calm is clothed in silence."

As mentioned visitations are fully covered in detail. A perusal of this section of the address clearly indicates that M. Ex. Comp. Hair was most generous with his time and talents in the performance of this important phase of his duty. Dispensations were comparatively few in number and relatively unimportant to others than those immediately effected. The reports of the District Officers indicate that peace, good-will and enthusiasm abound throughout the jurisdiction. In closing the Grand High Priest paid well deserved tribute to his officers and had this to say about his personal activity.—

> "Undoubtedly, many things have been left undone, for these busy days of the world turmoil our time is not our own, but I have labored patiently and honestly in behalf of our institution, and I tell you that it has been a labor of love and the reward for it all has come in the doing of it."

A very fine address impregnated with interest commanding matter.

From the administrative reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary we learn that finances are sound with receipts well in advance of expenditures and heavy investments in United

States Bonds. Membership too is encouraging with an increase of 575 despite substantial losses through various causes. Forty-four chapters reported a gain, 23 of which amounted to 10% or more.

As part of the entertainment provided for the delegates, we note a boatride on the Mississippi River, this surely appeals to the writer.

From a very eloquent report on Necrology we quote this poetic gem, old yet ever new.—

'One ship sails East, another West,
While the same breezes blow;
Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
That bids them where to go.
As the winds of the air, so the barque of our Fate,
As we travel the journey through Life;
'Tis the set of the Soul, that decides the goal
And not the storm and strife."

The Centennial Banquet was held in New Orleans February 17, 1948. From the copy of the menu and the program which appears in the proceedings, this must have been a gala affair, a worthy celebration of One Hundred Years of active service to Royal Arch Masonry.

M. Ex. Comp. E. F. Gayle prepared and presented a historical review of the Royal Arch in Louisiana. This paper provides some very instructive reading and carries the reader down through the years with compelling interest.

The Capitular Review is again the product of the facile pen of Grand Secretary Lee W. Harris. His "Foreword" attracts attention as he likens the co-operative spirit of the Officers and Companions of today to that of their prototypes of the early days during the erection of that great Temple which plays such a prominent part in our Masonic ceremonies.

Canada is most capably reviewed. Comp. Harris seems to have overlooked nothing of importance. Quotations from our Grand Z's address are given generous space. He appears interested in our attitude toward candidates who through war service have suffered a disability, which prevents them from complying with the usual requirements. May we say that the decision of our Grand Z. is quite in line with a policy established after World War 1. At that time it was decided that the mental qualifications of a candidate were vastly more important than those appertaining to his physical

being. Down through the years such candidates have already received sympathetic consideration.

May we express our keen appreciation of Comp. Harris's verbal bouquet in which he has many nice things to say about our last review. We are somewhat amused at his reference to our comment on the Grand High Priest wearing a hat while the chapter is assembled. We now know why, we are quick to learn and so we say let's forget the hat and you may be surprised if some day we accept your kind invitation to journey to Louisiana to get first-hand information on the subject. Thanks Comp. Harris for a decidedly friendly review.

Herman J. Duncan was elected and installed Grand High Priest and it goes without saying that Lee Harris continues as Grand Secretary

The Rev. C. A. Seager who for many years so faithfully represented Louisiana in Canada was suddenly taken from us a short time ago and we feel sure that the heavy loss which we sustained by his lamented and untimely death will be shared by our companions in Louisiana. W. Bailie Stothers has been appointed Grand Representative and we commend him to our friends of Louisiana as one who may be depended upon to keep a watchful eye on their interests in Canada.

John W. Armstrong is our capable representative near the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

MAINE

Ralph T. Scott—Grand High Priest.

Convers E. Leach—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—69, Membership—12,299. Gain—378.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Annual Convocation held at Portland, May 3, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Scott presiding.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Many distinguished guests were in attendance hailing from the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Quebec. Also present

were representatives of Grand Council, Knights Templar, General Grand Chapter and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine. A cordial welcome and appropriate reception was accorded these leaders of Masonry.

Forty-six Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were warmly greeted. Canada's representative appears to have been among the absent.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Scott is refreshingly brief but nevertheless provides a complete summary of the year's work.

After the customary greeting to all present he gave an encouraging report under the caption of "Condition of the Royal Craft."

From his tribute to the Fraternal Dead we extract the following.—

"For death seems but a covered way
Which opens into light
Wherein no blinded child can stray
Beyond the Father's sight.
And so the shadows fall apart,
And so the west winds play;
And all the windows of my heart
I open to the day."

Dispensations and decisions were abnormally few in number.

Visitations to other jurisdictions are listed without comment. Following this the Grand High Priest refers to his appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives, he also had a word to say with regard to the Schools of Instruction and then enumerated his visits within his own jurisdiction.

The address closes with a commentary on the support received from the various officers and Past Grand High Priests during the year.

Following the usual procedure, the different officers and District Deputies presented their reports. These make interesting reading and provide a high-light of general conditions. They are extremely well-written and provide ample reward for the time spent in a perusal.

The Grand Treasurer's report leaves little doubt in the reader's mind as to the solvency of Maine. Receipts exceed disbursments with investments of $64,905.00, a very fine fiscal position indeed.

From the Grand Secretary we learn that 49 chapters record a healthy increase in membership while Grand Chapter notwithstanding a heavy death rate reported a net gain of 378.

John C. Arnold presented an impressive report on the Fraternal Dead. From this eloquent tribute we quote a line or two.—

> "As is our custom we pause to pay tribute to the memory of Brethren who in the past twelve months have joined the vast Caravan that moves to the realm which lies just beyond our earthly habitat;—the realm unknown which we call Death. As it is frequently expressed 'In the midst of Life we are in Death'; even so, as in the midst of this joyous reunion and warmhearted felicitations a feeling of sadness intrudes when we reflect upon the absence of some whose sterling qualities, strong and kindly personalities have added distinction to the membership of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter."

This correspondent is particularly interested in the sterling address of General Grand High Priest Earl E. Dusenbery and regrets inability to quote owing to lack of space.

Again Henry R. Gillies as Fraternal Correspondent commands our attention. His "Foreword" as usual is bright and decidedly encouraging and when he refers to the upward trend in Royal Arch circles, we take the opportunity of expressing our hearty agreement in all that he has to say on the subject.

And now for Canada. We find our 1948 Convocation fully covered with note and comment on our various activities. Especially is he generous in quoting from our Grand Z's address and also perhaps we should say from our last review. We do appreciate his kind comments and may add that we have thoroughly enjoyed our review of Maine.

The election of officers resulted in the advancement of A. L. Hopkins to the important office of Grand High Priest. The secretaryship still continues in the capable hands of Convers E. Leach.

The Order of High Priesthood convened May 4, 1949.

Canada's representative in Maine is John G. Faas while Maine is represented near our Grand Chapter by E. A. Cook.

MANITOBA

Chas. F. Lidster—Grand Z.

T. Sellar Cook—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—16, Membership—1711, Gain—117.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation held in Winnipeg February 9, 1949.

M. Ex. Comp. Lidster declared Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form.

Twelve Past Grand First Principals were formally received while thirty-five Grand Representatives were tendered a warm welcome. Among the honored guests we note leaders of the Royal Craft from Alberta, Saskatchewan and North Dakota. General Grand Chapter was also represented as were the Knights Templar and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. After a cordial greeting to the visitors, the Grand Z. called upon the Grand Master to respond. His remarks dignified as befits his position in the Craft prove very interesting. We give you a brief extract.—

> "There should be no necessity to stress the fact that good citizens are always loyal to the right and to the good. Can anything be more important than that? What loyalties Masons have and how wonderfully we are taught to be true to those loyalties. Our God, Our King, our Country, our Church, our Craft, our friends and relatives are some of the loyalties we cherish."

From the scholarly address of M. Ex. Comp. Lidster we derive a clear cut picture of conditions in Manitoba. Throughout this splendid address we find much of interest studded as it is with worth-while thoughts and lofty ideals. After a gracious welcome to all present the Grand Z. brings an encouraging message with respect to the Condition of the Order.

Under Necrology he pays impressive tribute to those who have answered the last "Great Call." From his list of visitations it is quite evident that he has been most generous with his time and talent in the discharge of this important duty. He expresses regret at his inability to accept our invitation to attend our Toronto Convocation. We, too, regret that he was unable to be with us. His dispensations deal only with administrative matters and carry little interest for the outsider. Among his appointments we note that R. Ex. Comp. F. V. Higginbottom was given the commission of Manitoba near our Grand Chapter. May we say that no better selection could have been made as Comp. Higginbottom is an active, experienced craftsman, who will give faithful representation to Manitoba. From the closing remarks we excerpt the following.—

> "The finest and most profound things in life are those which are gained slowly and often by plodding toil. These things come gradually and often

almost invisibly. They are the spiritual and moral values like truth and honor and liberty and peace. Sometimes our ideals may be hidden in the cloudy mists of modern thinking and some may even say that they have disappeared forever."

From the financial statement we learn that receipts were in excess of disbursements with total assets of $4,869.00.

From the report of the Grand Scribe E. we find that the year has been a busy one but three chapters recorded losses and even these were very small. The net increase in membership was 117 and this notwithstanding losses of 71 through death and other causes.

We have perused with considerable interest the reports of the Grand Superintendents all of which leave the impression that the Royal Craft in Manitoba is making marked progress in the right direction.

Canon F. W. Goodeve presented an eloquent report on the Fraternal Dead closing with the beautiful words of Charles Hanson Towne. We quote a line or two from this beautiful poem.—

"They have triumphed who have died;
They have passed the portals wide,
Leading from the House of Night
To the splendid lawns of light."

A question having been asked as to why we wear our Royal Arch Sash over the left shoulder, the Supreme Chapter of England was asked for an explanation. We quote a portion of the reply which is very interesting.—

"The Grand Lodge Librarian, suggests for this custom: (A) It is the immemorial tradition in pure English Masonry that the Brethren should assemble without carrying any offensive or defensive weapons. Up till 1813, notices for the Grand Festival invariably contained the injunction that the Brethren must appear unarmed. (B) The Sash in Royal Arch Masonry does not represent a swordbelt, but is an insignia of honour such as the Ribbon of the Garter. We wear them as Badges of Honour and ensigns of our Order. They are of mixed colours of Blue and Purple with a pale Red issuing from the middle in the form of rays; the Purple implies awe and reverence; the Blue — truth and constancy; the pale Red. issuing in rays, Justice tempered with mercy.

"This reply was considered so satisfactory that Grand Scribe Ezra was requested to thank the writer and to forward a copy to each of the Chapters in our Jurisdiction."

M. Ex. Comp. Bailey gave a detailed report on the "Second Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters" held in Toronto, Sep-

tember 15, 1948. The next meeting of this "Conference" has since been held in Winnipeg and from all reports was very successful.

M. Ex. Comp. Cook presents the report on Fraternal Correspondence. Brief but interesting is our comment. We regret with Comp. Cook that lack of space prevented him from elaborating on his review of the fify-six Grand Chapters whose proceedings were received by him. As usual we have enjoyed our short sojourn with our companies of the Sister Province of Manitoba.

E. E. Grant was elected and installed as Grand Z. T. Sellar Cook continues in the important office of Grand Scribe E.

Canada is well represented in Manitoba by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell while as already noted R. Ex. Comp. F. V. Higginbottom is Manitoba's representative near our Grand Chapter.

MARYLAND

Martin Koenig, Jr.—Grand High Priest.

Charles H. Welden—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—26, Membership—7324, Gain—208.

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Convocation held in Baltimore, December 14, 1948.

Grand Chapter having been formally opened a large concourse of distinguished guests were ushered in and warmly greeted by the Grand High Priest. Grand Chapters represented included Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Virginia, District of Columbia, Delaware, Oklahoma and Canada in the person of our Grand Z. M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean.

Associate bodies also were present in goodly numbers. Among these we note rulers of the Order of High Priethood, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, and Scottish Rite. The Grand Lodge was represented by the M. Wor. the Grand Master in person.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance and were officially welcomed.

The scholarly address of M. Ex. Comp. Koenig is worthy of our best attention. It proves to be most entertaining and provides a clear cut picture of the year's activities.

From his introductory remarks we excerpt the following.—

"We are passing through an era of tremendous significance to our concepts of freedom and to our way of life; for we are in the midst of a profound social and economic revolution. We are at the cross-road of a mighty struggle between the principles laid down by our Masonic Forefathers for the foundation of our Government and those who would rule by force and dictatorship. There are those who would tear down the magnificent structure of freedom which this nation has erected over a period of one and three-quarters of a century and set up therefor the miserable hovel of degradation and slavery; there are those who would destroy the divine principles of unselfish service, loyalty and morality and substitute therefor the idolatrous Baal of selfishness, greed and vice; there are those who would deny the living God in whom our forefathers put their trust and accept the mockery of disbelief or atheism which denies the immortality of the spirit.

"However I am confident that, by a faithful practise of our Masonic precepts, with a firm reliance upon the Great Jehovah and by the aid of the Supreme Grand High Priest, the principles of freedom, liberty and justice shall prevail and that this nation and our beloved fraternity shall go on to greater success and achievement.

Under the caption of Necrology the Grand High Priest pays eloquent tribute to the Fraternal Dead, and concludes this section with the following.—

"They do not die who leave their thought
Imprinted on some recording page.
They pass, but the work they wrought
Lives on from age to age."

Dispensations were not numerous and dealt with purely administrative matters. Nothing of unusual interest. After listing appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives he provides a complete summary of his visits both within and beyond the boundaries of Maryland.

Among the recommendations mentioned is one to increase the stipend of the Grand Secretary by $150.00

After a word of appreciation for the untiring efforts of the Grand Secretary and others the Grand High Priest closed an admirable address with these words:

"Although the passing of the years has brought many changes, Freemasonry is as unchangeable and as everlasting as the skies above. May we ever press onward for the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of The Great 'I. Am'."

The Grand Treasurer's report leaves little doubt in the reader's mind as to the solvency of Grand Chapter. Cash on hand is reported as $8,070.53, with substantial investments in Government Bonds.

The Grand Secretary's report is also interesting despite a loss of 252 through death and other causes. The net gain recorded is 208.

At this juncture the representatives of fifty-four jurisdictions were received and fraternally greeted. Gerald M. Pine responded for Canada.

The Report on the Committee on Correspondence has this to say about the material with which we build:

> "Are we selecting such material? You, and you alone, pass upon the qualifications of those candidates who will guide the future destiny of the subordinate Chapters in Maryland."

The Foreword to the reviews makes a timely reference to Grand Representatives and their responsibilities. We heartily endorse the comment and quote the last few lines.

> "As we have mentioned before, a Grand Representative is the connecting link between his own Grand Chapter and the Jurisdiction he represents and a strong connecting link means a closer relationship that may and will result in furthering unification among our Grand Chapters, which is always an important factor in fraternalism and every worthwhile undertaking in this world of today."

And now what has our contemporary in Maryland to say about Canada. We find that we have been most generously treated. Liberal extracts from our Grand Z's address together with a most friendly comment on our last review. Our remarks anent our long-range friendships, apparently strike a responsive chord and we shall still continue to look forward to a personal visit to those whom we have grown to admire and respect in Maryland.

John S. Byers was elected and duly installed as Grand High Priest. Charles H. Weldon continues as one would expect as Grand Secretary.

Canada is most capably represented in Maryland by Gerald M. Pine while Maryland's representative near our Grand Chapter is Frank Todd.

MASSACHUSETTS

Ralph W. Copeland—Grand High Priest.

Raymond T. Sewall—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—97, Membership—23,027, Gain—452.

The Grand Chapter holds quarterly meetings in the months of March, June, September with the Annual Meeting during the month of December. While we select the high-lights of the quarterly meetings our review proper will deal with the Annual Convocation.

Quarterly held March 7, 8, 9, 1948 was held in Boston and proves to be a three day observance of the 150th anniversary of Grand Chapter. This Vesper Service held in the Old South Church was under the direction of the Grand Chaplain. This undoubtedly was a most impressive service. The sermon by the Rev. Thomas Sherrard Roy, D.D. was from the text "He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree." On Monday evening, March 8th banquet and entertainment for six hundred and forty-nine companions and their ladies was provided at the Copley Plaza Hotel. On this occasion addresses were delivered by the Grand High Priest, the Grand Master and Most Worshipful Arthur W. Coolidge representing the Governor of the Commonwealth. Many distinguished guests attended this quarterly to join in the celebration. Here is a brief extract from M. Ex. Comp. Copeland's sterling address.—

> "To my mind there are three things that challenge us today that we as Masons have got to do something about. First, the curse of communism, which will destroy the American way of life and the philosophy of life which we as Masons believe in. There is no reconciliation between the philosophy of life of Freemasonry and the philosophy of life of communism. The world knows how you feel about it at every available opportunity. Second, the curse in this Country of the encroachment by different groups, whoever, they are, that would take away from us this freedom for which our Companions of 150 years ago shed their blood. The time to act is now. The third one is going to strike you right between the eyes and right at home and I give it to you as the challenge of this age and that is the lazy mental apathy of the Mason of today who sits back and expects the other fellow to do his job."

Quarterly June 8th "Companionship Night." This meeting was largely composed of reports and administrative matters.

Quarterly September 10th. Following the reception of a number of visitors reports were received from Committees on Records, By-Laws, Regalia and Revision of the Constitution.

Annual Convocation held in Boston, December 7, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Copeland presiding. After the ceremonial opening an exemplification of the several degrees by specially selected degree teams took place. Six Past Grand High Priests and thirty-four Grand Representatives were in attendance. Many honored guests were

presented and fittingly welcomed. These included delegations from the following Grand Chapters, Quebec, Canada, Maine, New Hampshire, Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut and New York. Associate bodies also were represented in goodly numbers. These included the Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters and in the place of honor M. Wor. Bro. Roger Keith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

It is noted and much appreciated by Canadian readers that at this juncture the assembly rose and sang "God Save the King," this no doubt a tribute to the Canadian visitors.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Copeland commands the reader's interest. His strong personality is reflected in his addresses which are always thought-provoking and invigorating. The address under review is no exception to the rule. After a graceful welcome to all present he referred to the Educational Program, and then launched into a recapitulation of the membership figures. Losses totalled 893 from all sources with death removing 651 companions, which according to the Grand High Priest provided a death rate that was the highest for many years. Following the memorial exercises conducted by the Grand Chaplain, M. Ex. Comp. Copeland proceeded to list the chapters which recorded a 10% or better increase. Finances of both Grand Chapter and constituent chapters next came under review with some timely advice to the latter on the question of arrears of dues.

Fraternal visits are all set forth in detail and impresses this correspondence with the great amount of time and effort which he devoted to this phase of his work. We are particularly interested in his reference to his visit to our Grand Chapter. His friendly comment is much appreciated and we share his thought expressed in the words, "May our friendly relations long continue."

This splendid address concludes with a sage reference to our duty as Masons. Read his closing words which we quote and to which we add a fervent amen.–

> "There is a vast difference in living today and living for today. We must turn our attention to the task of building for tomorrow and the days to come. We have moved too far away from God and the fundamental principles of morality and right living. We need to have more Masonry in men. We need to get back to the fundamental principles of morality if we are to have any hopes of saving ourselves and our fraternity. I call upon you one and all to stand on your feet, let your voice be raised in the cause

of right, and put your shoulder to the wheel so that Free Masonry may maintain its position in the world of today. Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

The financial reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Fund's Trustees clearly indicate a strong fiscal position with invested funds totalling to $87,855.00.

Following the election of officers William F. Clark was formally elevated to the office of Grand High Priest while Raymond T. Sewall was re-elected as Grand Secretary. Before the close of Grand Chapter M. Ex. Comp. Copeland was presented with the "Distinguished Service Medal." This is an honor reserved for companions who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of Masonry. If an outsider is permitted an interjection, we should say that in our opinion based on our knowledge of this distinguished companion, we believe that if anyone has merited this consideration it is Ralph W. Copeland whose zeal, energy and eloquence has travelled far beyond the confines of Massachusetts.

We regret that Massachusetts does not publish a fraternal review. It is one of the few large jurisdictions that does not do so. We are hopeful that the day may not be too far distant when we shall be privileged to welcome Massachusetts into the fold of Fraternal Correspondence.

The Order of High Priesthood convened December 9th, 1948.

Canada's representative in Massachusetts is Herman W. Bethe while Massachusett's commission in Canada is held by A. J. Stringer of Toronto.

MICHIGAN

John H. Chalmers—Grand High Priest.

Charles G. Williamson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—154, Membership—28,888, Gain—1085.

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation held in Jackson, October 20, 21, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Chalmers presiding.

The Canadian and American flags were presented at the altar and placed at either side of the Grand East.

Prior to the opening ceremonies and following a long established custom in Michigan, the distinguished guests were ushered in and introduced. These included leaders of Royal Arch Masonry from Ohio, New York, General Grand Chapter and Canada. Other Grand Bodies represented were the Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, the Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Michigan.

An address of welcome was tendered by the Mayor of the City of Jackson. It is interesting to note that the First Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in Jackson one hundred years ago.

Following prayer at the altar by the Grand Chaplain the formal opening of Grand Chapter took place.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-seven Grand Representatives were assembled at the altar and warmly greeted. The Roll of Honor consisting of all Past Grand High Priests who have crossed the Great Divide was read followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain. This ceremony is unique and one which we in Canada might well emulate as it keeps ever-green the memory of those whose service meant so much to Royal Arch Masonry.

Thirty pages are required to record the address of M. Ex. Comp. Chalmers. It, however, is well worth reading and is couched in scholarly language and carries a truly worth-while message. The introductory remarks refer to the Centennial Anniversary of Grand Chapter. They, also, speak of the Grand High Priest's regret at the conclusion of his term of office, which he terms both pleasurable and educational. After a formal greeting to all present he makes eloquent reference to the Fraternal Dead with a special tribute to the memory of the following Past Grand High Priests, whose deaths occurred during the past year, M. Ex. Comps. A. J. Young, Charles Cottrell, Orrin G. Bickford.

After dealing with installations, appointments and chapter By-Laws, the Grand High Priest details his somewhat numerous dispensations.

Visitations were many and varied and indicate that he devoted a generous portion of his time in the performance of his official duties along these lines. We should be remiss in our duty were we to omit a reference to his friendly remarks relative to his visit to our Grand Chapter. He speaks of his reception in Toronto as the ulti-

mate in Canadian hospitality. May we suggest that we were delighted to have him with us. As one of your closest neighbours we look forward each year to renewing our friendship with our Michigan companions.

M. Ex. Comp. Chalmers refers in encouraging words to the splendid achievements of the constituent chapters but reports two chapters as dormant despite his best efforts to rejuvenate them. This sparkling address concludes with these words.—

> "If I have betrayed a trace of selfish reluctance to laying down the working tools let me assure you that it is because the year has passed by so rapidly that many things I had planned have gone undone."

Grand Treasurer Guy A. Birge presented his financial report, a perusal of which leaves little doubt in the reader's mind as to the solvency of Grand Chapter. Receipts exceeded disbursements with cash in the General Fund of $12,014.00, a Benevolent Fund with disbursements of $5,690.00 for the year and a balance on hand of $3,762.00 and a number of smaller funds together with investments of $34,000.00 complete the fiscal picture.

The report of the Grand Secretary is fairly comprehensive and covers all phases of the administrative work. The high-light, of course, is found in the net gain in membership of 1,085.

From the eloquent and impressive Report on Obituaries, we extract this poetic jewel.—

> "There is a word, of grief the sounding token;
> There is a word bejeweled with bright tears;
> The saddest word fond lips have ever spoken;
> A little word that breaks the chain of years.
> Its utterance must never bring emotion;
> The memories it crystals cannot die;
> 'Tis known in every land, on every ocean—
> 'Tis called 'Good-bye'."

We are particularly interested in the report of the Committee on Public Relations. It is splendidly written with some wholesome truths which should be absorbed by all rulers of subordinate chapters. Here is a brief sample.—

> "Prosperous times are always in store for the chapter which uses every method to stimulate activity which is in reality, the life blood of every organization. An abundance of degree work is bound to enlist activity and little demand for diversity of programs presents itself."

From a beautiful poem written in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary we find space but for one verse.—

> "Great souls, keen minds, and willing hands
> Laid the foundation on which stands
> The secret structure, which we love
> And dedicate to God above,
> From out whose towers rays of light
> Go forth to banish fear and fright."

The Capitular Review was the product of Grand Secretary C. G. Williamson who plays a dual role as he is also Fraternal Correspondent. His reviews are brief in the extreme and from this correspondent's standpoint the outstanding feature is the omission to include Canada. Delay in receiving our proceedings may be the reason, in any event we forgive our good friend Williamson and express the hope that Canada may find a seat in the charmed circle in his next review.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our literary journey to Michigan and may say that we always consider it a distinct pleasure to review the proceedings of our very close friends from across the river.

The Order of High Priesthood convened October 19th, 1948.

Deputy Grand High Priest Arthur M. Burke is our representative in Michigan while Past Grand Z. F. W. Dean carries the commission of Michigan in Canada.

MINNESOTA

Emil A. Wold—Grand High Priest.

John H. Anderson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—77, Membership—13,483, Gain—781.

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Convocation held in St. Paul, October 12th, 1949 with the Grand High Priest presiding.

The national colors were presented by a Color Guard from the local Knights Templar.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests and twenty-five Grand Representatives were received. We note that Canada's representative was unavoidably absent. Distinguished visitors included delegations from the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Council, Grand Com-

mandery and the following Grand Chapters, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Connecticut. It is needless to say that all were officially welcomed and received with the usual Grand Honors.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Wold provides interesting reading particularly his introductory remarks which deal with the position of the Royal Arch within the orbit of the Craft.

Under the caption "Necrology" the Grand High Priest refers in fitting terms to the great loss sustained through the passing of Past Grand High Priests W. J. Works, Ernest Malmberg, Charles Boyce and Angus D. McCormick.

Speaking on the "State of the Rite" he mentions the progress which is being made and while the gain in membership did not equal the preceding year, it nevertheless indicated a very healthy growth.

He is favorable to the zoning system for fees. He illustrates his point by mentioning St. Paul where the fee is $30.00 yet in the other half of the Twin Cities the fee in Minneapolis is but $18.00. There is much in what he has to say, but in Canada the Grand Chapter sets a minimum fee which cannot be lowered, and the matter of what a chapter charges in excess of the minimum is left to the good judgment of each individual chapter. After all having set a minimum, we feel that the amount set after observing the minimum is a purely domestic matter. Pardon the digression but this information is given merely by way of a comparison. Dispensations and appointments follow after which M. Ex. Comp. Wold records his many visits both within and beyond the boundaries of Minnesota.

The address closes with a glowing tribute to the splendid work of the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Secretary and others who ably assisted during the year.

Fiscal affairs as reported by Grand Treasurer Rowell appear very sound and apparently are most efficiently managed. We note cash on deposit of $11,003.00 with investments of $25,343.00 or total assets of $36,346.00.

The Grand Secretary's report informs us that the net gain in membership was 781 and this notwithstanding loss through death and other causes of 368—truly a splendid achievement.

From a beautiful Report on Necrology we extract this poetic thought.—

"So near is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man;
When 'Duty' whispers low, 'thou must.'
The youth replies, 'I can'."

From the address of the Grand High Priest-elect we quote this rather amusing story.-

"When I think of the responsibilities of my position — I recall the story told about a politician who wanted his son to get into a city department that was notorious for never doing a thing. The politician asked the official in charge of the department if he could give his son a job. 'What can your son do?' asked the official in charge of the department. 'Nothing,' replied the politician.

" 'Thats fine," replied the department head. 'That simplifies everything. Then we won't have to break him in'."

We thoroughly enjoyed the address of the Grand Chaplain, it makes delectable reading indeed. From this we quote.—

"Whether we climb or whether we plod
Space for our task the scant years lend;
So choose some path that leads to God,
And keep it to the end."

This address is a gem and we cannot refrain from excerpting the closing lines.—

"Masonry is a revelation of God and of The Book which tells of Him and is next to the Church of Christ in that revelation. There is another verse written to the old poem which I quoted at the beginning of this talk."

"Brethren banded together
Hand in hand for good,
Joined in mankind's uplift,
United in brotherhood.
Each of the band a builder,
Faces turned from the sod,
Some folk call it Masonry
And others call it God."

From a brief but attractive report on Correspondence by William E. Pool we quote the following.—

"Nice net gains in membership seem to prevail in all Grand Chapters as well as financial gains.

"May we hope that all of us who have accepted positions of leadership will do our very best to see to it that we are in fact making real Royal Arch Masons and not merely gaining names on our roll."

Wesley H. Rethwill was elected and installed with all due ceremony as Grand High Priest, John H. Anderson continues to function as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened October 11, 1948.

J. Arthur Jensen represents our jurisdiction in Minnesota. The veteran craftsman Oliver Ellwood is Minnesota's representative in Canada.

MISSOURI

Artemus H. Harwell—Grand High Priest.

Ray V. Denslow—Grand Secretary.

Chapter—101, Membership—19,963, Gain—825.

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation held in St. Joseph, April 26, 1949.

Grand Chapter was opened in prescribed form followed by the Invocation and the singing of "America."

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests graced the East.

Distinguished visitors hailed from Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York and Oklahoma. Associate Bodies represented included the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Grand Council, Knights Templar, and the General Grand Chapter.

The address of the Grand High Priest while anything but lengthy proves to be a complete summary of the year's work. It is interesting, instructive and enlightening.

His introductory remarks were followed by a brief reference to the passing of 342 Companions during the year with a special reference to the death of Edward W. Taylor, P.G.H.P.

Official acts such as appointments, installations and visitations are fully covered. Ninety-one dispensations were issued by M. Ex. Comp. Harwell.

Reference to the "Condition of the Rite" informs us that Missouri enjoyed a very successful year and prospects for the future appear very encouraging.

This capital address concludes with a glowing tribute to the Grand Secretary, and other officers for their splendid support, and

co-operation. In speaking of the rank and file who hold no office the Grand High Priest has this to say.—

> "The success of any organization is dependent upon the support given it by those who hold no office. Their presence at the meetings is the spark that encourages the officers to do their best work."

The Grand Treasurer's report impresses the reader with the Missouri's strong fiscal position. Receipts are shown as $43,223.00, disbursements $24,852.00 with investments totalling $102,950.00.

The Grand Secretary's report is comprehensive and gives a clear cut picture of administrative affairs. The high-light appears to be an increase of 825 in membership.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is most interesting and leaves one with the impression that conditions throughout the jurisdiction follow the upward trend so noticeable in reports from all parts of the Capitular Realm. To use Comp. Hunt's own phraseology "Royal Arch Masonry is in an excellent condition in Missouri at the present time.

Ray V. Denslow presents the Review of the Capitular World. His Foreword consists of a historical record of the Mark Degree, and illustrates samples of Mason's Marks of other days. The place of this degree in the English and Irish Systems together with an explanation of what are termed "Higher Degrees" in the British Isles is most informative. We always enjoy reading Comp. Denslow's historical sketches, and we are sure that these carefully prepared papers have a far-reaching educational value.

Reviews as usual are topically arranged and we note that Canada is referred to under the captions of "Educational, Financial, Miscellaneous, Order of High Priesthood and Statistical."

Comp. Denslow notes the limited use of our Library by our membership, the possibility of a new Chapter in the Yukon Territory, our decision with respect to incorporating the Order of High Priesthood into our Royal Arch System. He also gives liberal space to a comment on our Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund, and the Toronto District's Welfare work. We are happy to inform him that our Victory Fund finally closed with a healthy amount in excess of our objective.

As we have stated in previous reviews we have thoroughly

enjoyed an evening reviewing the proceedings of Missouri and have added to our collection of Masonic lore Comp. Denslow's scholarly treatment of the Mark Master Mason's degree.

Harold M. Jayne was elected and duly installed Grand High Priest. Ray V. Denslow as to be expected continues as Grand Secretary. Columbia was elected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Orson H. Swearingeer faithfully represents Canada in Missouri. W. J. Tow carries the commission of Missouri near our Grand Chapter.

MONTANA

Ralph N. Lodge—Grand High Priest.

Luther T. Hauberg—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—33, Membership—3,664, Gain—225.

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Convocation held in Butte June 9, 10, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Lodge presiding.

Ten Past Grand High Priests and Forty-Six Grand Representatives were in attendance.

A warm welcome was extended to distinguished guests from the Grand Chapters of Alberta and South Dakota.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Lodge carries some very enlightening information, is factual, interesting and gives a splendid word picture of conditions throughout the jurisdiction.

After a friendly greeting to delegates and visitors and a brief, but sympathic reference to the Fraternal Dead, the Grand High Priest under the heading of "State of the Grand Chapter" spoke of the success attained during the past twelve months, and expressed the opinion that the Royal Arch has much to offer Craft Masons. We quote a line or two which appeals to this correspondent.—

> "It has been our constant effort not only to make new Royal Arch Masons, but to make better Royal Arch Masons of those we already had. We have incessantly endeavored to impress upon all our members, old as well as new,

the beauty, the importance, and the essentiality of the Capitular degrees, their necessity to the completion of the symbolic degrees, their necessity to the completion of the Masonic education of every Master Mason."

The Educational Program planned and carried through by M. Ex. Comp. Lodge consisted in dividing the State into nine Districts, each in charge of an officer who is to be the Personal Representative of the Grand High Priest. Schools of Education to be held at least once each year in the various districts. All of which follows precisely the set-up that has been in vogue in Canada for many years.

Official acts such as appointments, installations, and the issuing of dispensations are all fully set forth. It is particularly interesting to note his ruling regarding a decision as to whether a Master Mason's application for Chapter degrees can be considered where the applicant has not passed the proficiency examination of a Master Mason. M. Ex. Comp. Lodge ruled that the brother was not eligible basing his decision on Article XIX of the Grand Lodge, which dictates that it is a Masonic offense for a Master Mason to petition any Royal Arch Chapter, or Scottish Rite body until he shall have passed successfully an examination as to his profiency in the Third Degree. There is food for reflection in this ruling and we in Canada may well give consideration to the wisdom of having some such regulation.

Visitations both within and beyond Montana were quite numerous, and from the report enjoyable and satisfying.

After the customary eulogistic references to the Grand Secretary, and other officers M. Ex. Comp. Lodge closes a sterling address by quoting Edward Markham's well known poem.—

"Someone blended the plaster,
Someone quarried the stone,
But neither the Man nor the Master
Ever has builded alone.

Making a roof from the weather,
Building a house for a King;
Only by working together,
Can we accomplish a thing."

From the Grand Treasurer we learn that receipts amounted to $4,926.00, disbursements $4,054.00, with investments of $15,000.00 and a General Fund of $10,618.00.

The Grand Secretary's report discloses the fact that membership increased by 225.

During the afternoon session many honored guests were received and fraternally welcomed, these included representatives of Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite.

A strong delegation from the General Grand Chapter also were formally greeted.

A resolution was passed prohibiting dual membership, although this does not effect the holding of Honorary Membership in more than one Chapter

The Capitular Review is the product of that skilled Craftsman and Correspondent Past Grand High Priest, Claude J. McAllister. His Foreword is a literary epic. Would that we could be sufficiently generous in the matter of space to quote this masterly dissertation in its entirety. We must perforce content ourselves with a few meagre excerpts.

> "GOOD will never die as long as time lasts. It is merely choosing to run the body and mind as the MAKER intended them to be run. It insures the largest usefulness, and must be guarded carefully for best results. It is never merely negative, but keeps us busy at productive instead of destructive things. GOOD insures efficiency for all our faculties as education does the full use of the mind. THAT WHICH IS LASTING IS REAL. GOOD IS LASTING BECAUSE IT IS REAL.
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> "Throughout all its degrees and lectures we can see the energy of beauty in the ROYAL ARCH, directing Brethren to give heed to the infallible plumb-rule, and in all their pursuits have Eternity in view. Royal Arch Masonry is the sworn foe of BAD and the sworn lover of GOOD."

Turning to the review of Canada we find that we have been dealt with in a most friendly manner. Full coverage is given to our various reports and activities. Liberal extracts from our Grand Z's address and committee reports are given space. The Grand Z's address is referred to as "inspirational and instructive," while our opposite number in Montana refers to our last review in most flattering terms. We doubt that it merits such praise, but it is non-the-less appreciated although we are inclined to think that Comp. McAllister views our humble efforts through the rose colored glasses of a long range friendship. May we reciprocate by saying that we have enjoyed our perusal of the Montana proceedings and consider that Comp. McAllister's Foreword and Reviews take a very lofty position among the many reports received by us.

Earl S. Bardwell was elected and installed with due formality as Grand High Priest. Luther T. Hauberg continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened June 9, 1948.

Canada is capably represented in Montana by H. T. Cummings, while Chas. W. Power plays a similar role for Montana near our Grand Chapter.

NEBRASKA

Geo. O. Sizemore—Grand High Priest.

Carl R. Grieson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—47, Membership—6,601, Gains—268.

The Eighty-Second Annual Convocation held in Omaha, December 8, 9, 1948 with the Grand High Priest presiding.

Grand Chapter having been opened in due form the flag was presented by an escort of Knights Templar.

A reception was tendered Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest as well as visitors from the Grand Chapters of Iowa, Kansas, Colorado, Minnesota and South Dakota. Also present were leaders of Grand Council, Grand Commandery, Scottish Rite, and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska who as was fitting occupied the position of honor as the last to be received.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-eight Grand Representatives were presented at the Altar and formally greeted.

In his address M. Ex. Comp. Sizemore gave an interesting acount of his year's stewardship

After a friendly welcome to all present and a brief but impressive reference to "Necrology" he announcd his appointments and listed his visits both within and beyond the boundaries of his own jurisdiction. As Grand Chapter holds stock in both the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Eastern Star Home for children the Grand High Priest attended the annual meetings of these institutions. He suggested the appointment of a full time Grand Lecturer be considered. He feels that this is essential to assist and strengthen the weaker Chapters.

Among the recommendations submitted is one to alter the present system of appointing all Past Grand High Priests to the Committee on Jurisprudence. He feels that the Committee should be composed of not more than five Past Grand High Priests. In Canada our Committee is usually composed of three or four of our Past Rulers, more than this number appear unnecessary.

The address closes with a few words of appreciation for the honor conferred upon him. A very fine address.

Finances in Nebraska appear sound with a Triennial Fund of $200.00, a General Fund of $4,439.00, a Contingent Fund of $400.00 and Investments amounting to $5,920.00.

The Grand Secretary reported an increase of 268 in membership. The gross gain being 525 while losses through death and other causes totalled 257 leaving the net gain as 268.

A resolution to increase the per Capita Tax to seventy-five cents was carried unanimously.

Raymond C. Cook presented the Report on Foreign Correspondence, his second round-trip through the realm of Capitularism. His report is most interesting and clearly indicates that he has faithfully read the proceedings of Sister Grand Chapters as evidence of which he quotes generous extracts from here, there and yonder. We note his comments to the effect that a number of Correspondents fail to give Nebraska space in their reviews. Canada appears to be one of the culprits. May we in pleading guilty say that we review all proceedings that reach our desk and failure to include Nebraska does not indicate lack of interest in the splendid work of that Grand Chapter, but rather may be attributed to failure on our part to receive your proceedings. Be assured that we are always most happy to include Nebraska in our reviews.

From Comp. Cook's report we extract the following which is definitely in line with our thinking.—

> "There is a friendly, courteous fellowship resulting from this mutual interest in the welfare of sister jurisdictions that is very valuable. It is good for us to be brought to the realization that, regardless of jurisdiction or location, we are not obscure workers in one little corner of the Capitular vineyard, but are a part of a great, surging Masonic group, coordinated and united in purpose and program."

Excerpts from our Grand Z's address and a very complimentary comment on this writer's address of welcome to our visitors are given liberal space, for which we tender thanks and appreciation. That we have thoroughly enjoyed Comp. Cook's report goes without saying. We cannot close our acknowledgement of this review without quoting a few lines that carry a very strong appeal.—

> "The world need not be the dark and terrible place it is today. It need not be without hope or light if we can be brought to understand that God still lives and life eternal has not come to an end. The Keystone has been placed in the Arch, the word is not lost but awaits the reverent seeker. The Royal Secret is not beyond the conception of any man worthy to receive it."

Congratulations Comp. Cook on a masterly presentation of the highlights of the Capitular world.

F. Plummer Martin was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. The office of Grand Secretary continues in the capable hands of Carl R. Greisen.

The Order of High Priesthood convened December 8th, 1948.

Canada is represented in Nebraska by John M. McCune, while the interests of Nebraska in Canada are safeguarded by William S. M. Enouy.

NEW BRUNSWICK

James S. Hoyt—Grand Z.

Roy E. Crawford—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—11, Membership—1,159, Gain—43.

The Sixty-First Annual Convocation held in Sussex June 24th with the Grand First Principal presiding.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form followed by the Devotional Exercises. Six Past Grand Z's were in attendance. Distinguished visitors hailed from the Grand Chapters of Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan and the Knights Templar body. Twenty-three Grand Representatives were received and officially welcomed. We note with regret the absence of our Representative, but forgive him this lapse as he has been most faithful in the past. Commissions were presented to newly accredited representatives of Maine, Quebec, and North Carolina.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Hoyt covers his official acts for the year and is informative to a noticeable degree.

After his opening remarks the Grand Z. spoke feelingly of those who had passed to the Great Beyond, closing this section with the following beautiful verse.—

> "The road winds uphill all the way,
> Right to the very end,
> The day's journey takes the whole long day,
> Remember this my friend."

Visitations, appointments and dispensations are all fully set forth, the latter numbered five and covered only routine matters. After some sage advice on the need for a greater effort to interest Craft Masons in the Royal Arch, and a few well chosen words of thanks to his colleagues of Grand Chapter, M. Ex. Comp. Hoyt brings to a conclusion an interesting address.—

The reports of the three Grand Superintendents are well worth reading. Splendidly written they tell of conditions throughout the jurisdiction, which bespeak an increased interest and attendance which must prove comforting to the officers of Grand Chapter.

Receipts in excess of disbursements and assets of $3,386.00 provide the high-lights of the Grand Treasurer's report.

From the Grand Scribe E. we learn of an increase in membership of 43 with 7 of the 11 chapters recording a healthy gain.

Roy E. Crawford presented a report on the first annual Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters held in Ottawa. He commented upon the results obtained through the medium of this Conference, as providing a real and lasting contribution to a better understanding among the Canadian Grand Chapters.

A motion was presented and carried to express to R. Ex. Comp. Crawford, Grand Chapter's appreciation of his efficient work as Grand Scribe E. and that R. Ex. Companion having been escorted to the altar was formally informed that he had been advanced to the rank of a Past Grand First Principal as a token of appreciation for his meritorius service to Grand Chapter.

Following the election of officers, W. Russell Fiske was formally installed as Grand Z., Roy E. Crawford continues as Grand Scribe E.

Edgar W. Mair is our representative in New Brunswick, John W. Plewes carries the commission of New Brunswick near our Grand Chapter.

NEVADA

Daniel Evans Sr.—Grand High Priest.

Edward C. Peterson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—9, Membership—711, Gain—40.

The Seventy-Fifth Annual Convocation held in Reno June 8, 1949, M. Ex. Comp. Evans opened Grand Chapter in full form followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain and the colorful ceremony of presenting the flag.

The Grand High Priest was ably supported by the presence of eleven Past Rulers of Grand Chapter. Forty jurisdictions were represented by their accredited Grand Representatives. We note with regret that our jurisdiction was not represented.

Guests received and fraternally welcomed included delegations from the Grand Chapter of California, the General Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Evans provides an entertaining summary of the year's activities. Not lengthy but well-written and enlightening.

After tendering a friendly greeting to those present the Grand High Priest delivered an inspiring homily on our duty as Royal Arch Masons. We quote a few lines.—

> "In these days of turmoil, the souls of strong men are being tested; men of strong character and leadership are needed in places of responsibility as never before. Selfishness is dominant among people in high places; they have ignored the lessons of the Son of God and are living a life of reckless irresponsibility. Men in no respect so nearly approach the Deity as when they confer a benefit on others — to serve and to do good for others. There is nothing greater in our future than that we should be desirous to do this: to cultivate Masonic charity, the great object of our sublime institution, thus securing the approbation of our Heavenly Father, and also to feel in our bosoms a proud feeling, and a testimony of a good conscience that we have really done good work."

After a beautiful "Memorial" to the memory of those who during the year answered the last Great Call, M. Ex. Comp. Evans

referred to his official acts, appointments and visitations. These latter were fairly numerous and each was fully detailed. The address closed with a word of appreciation for the assistance rendered by the officers and Past Grand High Priests.

Finances appear sound according to the Grand Treasurer's report. Receipts exceed disbursements with cash on hand of $2,087.00 and investments of $2,000.00.

The Grand Secretary records an active year with an increase in membership of 40.

From the "report on the Grand High Priest's address," we note that the committee recommend that all reference to the Grand Commandery be deleted from the printing of the Grand Priest's address. No reason is given for this recommendation.

The Grand Oration by James P. Whitmore commands our attention. It is a literary gem entitled "The Qualifications of a Mason." A brief extract from this inspiring dissertation follows.—

> "What nobler compliment can brothers bestow than friendship. The bonds and ties of this life we know break easily, but through eternity one bond remains — the bond of fellowship. To have a friend is good but to be a friend is better. It was Mohammed who said: "A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he does in this world for his fellow man. When he dies, people will ask: "What property did he leave behind him?" But the angels in heaven will ask: 'What good deeds did he send before him?' "

Although Nevada appoints a committee on correspondence, a diligent search through the proceedings fails to locate a report from this committee.

Having been duly elected Grand High Priest William E. Fitzgerald was formally installed into that high and important office.

Edward C. Peterson was re-elected as Grand Secretary.

Canada's representative in Nevada is Carl Dodge. Nevada's representative in our jurisdiction is Bishop Jos. Lofthouse.

NEW JERSEY

Tom Dickinson—Grand High Priest.

Chas. D. McCracken—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—54, Membership—9,236, Gain—183.

The Ninety-Second Annual Convocation held in Trenton, May 11th, 1949. Following the opening ceremony the National Anthem was sung and prayer was offered by R. Ex. Comp. Rev. H. R. Pine.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were in attendance while thirty-six Grand Representatives answered the Roll-Call. We note with pleasure that the ever-faithful Dr. Pittis responded for our jurisdiction.

Visitors were legion, hailing from all points of the compass and representing not only Royal Arch Masonry but the numerous Associate Bodies. Grand Chapters represented included Delaware, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the General Grand Chapter. Also present were the rulers of the Royal and Select Masters, the Knights Templar, Scottish Rite and a strong delegation from the basic body of Masonry, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The reception as usual was most cordial and all were greeted with Grand Honors.

M. Ex. Comp. Dickinson establishes somewhat of a record for brevity. His address while anything but lengthy is complete, informative and provides enjoyable reading.

After a welcome to those present and a short comment on his experiences of the year, he made reference to the Fraternal Dead paying graceful tribute to those who had passed beyond the Veils from which no man returneth, and quoting a line or two from one of this correspondent's favourite hymns.—

> "Now the day is over. Night is drawing nigh.
> Shadows of the evening steal across the sky."

Visits are enumerated minus the somewhat tiresome detail which quite frequently mark such reports. Dispensations all appear routine and lacking in interest to all but those immediately affected. After dealing with a number of purely administrative matters, the Grand High Priest closes his address with words of praise for the Grand Secretary and other officers. From the beautiful report on Necrology we are constrained to extract this gem.

> "Thou who has made my home of life so pleasant
> Leave not its tenant when its walls decay
> Oh Love Divine, Oh Helper ever present
> Be thou my strength and stay."

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates that all is well with the fiscal affairs of Grand Chapter. Receipts are shown as $6,418.00, expenditures $5,907.90 with cash on hand amounting to $13,269.00 and investments of $12,000.00.

The Grand Secretary's report is also encouraging the outstanding feature being a net gain of 183 in membership despite heavy losses through death.

A citation or merit award was presented to Trinity Chapter, they having reported the greatest increase in membership during the past year.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence by George W. Kite may be considered as "brevity personified." He disposes of the subject in twenty-five words, the gist of which is that all jurisdictions indicate progress and still better times are ahead.

The election of officers resulted in William Beck being elevated to the position of Grand High Priest. No change in the Grand Secretaryship as Charles D. McCracken continues in office.

The Order of High Priesthood convened May 10, 1949.

A. D. McIntyre carries the commission of New Jersey in Canada while our very good friend Dr. Godfrey Pittis represents our jurisdiction in New Jersey.

NEW MEXICO

Christopher A. Bernard—Grand High Priest.

Lloyd B. Johnson—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—13, Membership—1,964, Gain—134.

The Fifty-First Annual Convocation held in Albuquerque May 17, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Bernard presiding.

After the ceremonial opening ten Past Grand High Priests and nineteen Grand Representatives were formally received and greeted. W. L. Ranville responded for Canada.

Among the guests welcomed according to Masonic tradition, we note the names of M. Ex. Comp. A. R. Buehman of Arizona, and M. Wor. Bro. Walter F. Edwards, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico who was accompanied by his Grand Secretary, R. Wor. Bro. Langston.

M. Ex. Comp. Bernard delivered a fine address which was noticeably free from meaningless platitudes and gave evidence of having been carefully prepared as a report on the year's work. In his introductory remarks he speaks most encouragingly of conditions in New Mexico. Two problem chapters have been rejuvenated and are now quite active while a new chapter is being formed in the San Juan Basin. All of which indicates Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction is progressing slowly but surely in the right direction. Under the title of "Necrology" graceful reference is made to the great loss sustained through the death of Past Grand High Priest W. L. Elser. Dispensations are set forth in detail and consist of matters of purely local interest. Among his recommendations we note one to revise, compile and reprint all amendments to the constitution since the last revision which is dated 1927.

M. Ex. Comp. Bernard closes an interesting address with these words.—

> "Companions; this has been one of the most enjoyable years of my life; many new friends have been made and old friendships renewed and I want to thank the members of this Grand Chapter for the high honor you have conferred on me. I especially thank the entire line of Grand Officers who have so willingly assisted me in every way possible."

The Grand Treasurer's report must also be comforting to the Companions of New Mexico. Receipts $3,879.00, expenses $3,130.00 with a Masonic Home Fund of $27,367.00 invested in United States Bonds.

From the Grand Secretary's report we note that notwithstanding a heavy loss through death and other causes, the net gain in membership is 134.

From the address of the M. Wor. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge we extract the following which definitely expresses this correspondent's personal views.—

> "I don't mean that the Grand Chapter should give the Blue Lodge the Royal Arch Degrees but I believe there should be some way of inducing all Blue Lodge Masons to at least take the Royal Arch Degrees, because as your ritual says, 'Without it, it is a tale partly told and a song half sung.' There should be enough interest shown perhaps in the Blue Lodge to make it clear to the Blue Lodge Master Mason that he has only received part of his work when he completes the Master Mason's Degree. He has received but a substitute for that which he should be willing to search still further

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again the product of

the pen of M. Ex. Comp. Reuben Perry. This by the way is the veteran reviewer's eighteenth report and as usual is replete with the high-lights of the many Grand Chapters under review.

Canada is ably and masterly reviewed. Comp. Perry seems to have garnered the outstanding features of our 1947 Convocation. He separates the wheat from the chaff and marshalls the details of our various activities in brief yet comprehensive form. After referring to the details of our committee reports he speaks of our last review in favourable terms for which we submit our sincere thanks and appreciation. May we say to our opposite number in New Mexico, that we have thoroughly enjoyed our brief and long range sojourn in New Mexico.

Russell G. Bird was elected and duly installed Grand High Priest and as to be expected Lloyd B. Johnson was re-invested as Grand Secretary.

Roswell was selected as the next place of meeting.

Canada is capably represented in New Mexico by William L. Ranville, while New Mexico's representative near our Grand Chapter is R. Ex. Comp. and M. Wor. Bro. Frank A. Copus.

NEW YORK

Frank A. Lobee—Grand High Priest.

Carl G. Wilhelms—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—213, Membership—35,384, Gain—782.

The One Hundred and Fifty-Second Annual Convocation held in Albany, Feb. 1, 1949.

Following the opening ceremonies the Grand Chaplain led in prayer. Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance Thirty-nine Grand Representatives responded for their respective jurisdictions.

As usual in New York a host of distinguished visitors were received, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors. These included rulers of the following Grand Chapters, Quebec, Delaware, New Jersey, Michigan, Maine, Ohio, Virginia, Vermont, Con-

necticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and M. Ex. Comps. Dean, Conover and Burden from Canada.

Associate bodies included the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, the General Grand Chapter and the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

We read with interest the superb address of our good friend M. Ex. Comp. Lobee. He presents his report on the year's work in convincing style, leaves with the reader some really worth-while thoughts and gives a graphic description of his personal activities.

After a most gracious welcome to all present, he follows with an eloquent tribute to the Fraternal Dead in which he quotes the lines made so prominent by our beloved King during the dark days of the war. We quote.—

> "I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown', and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way!"

He then dealt with administrative matters and recommended that $1,620.00 be appropriated for distribution by the Grand High Priest for charitable purposes. Dispensations were not numerous and none was of an unusual character. Many changes were made among the Grand Representatives. These too are fully listed. The Grand High Priest enumerates the many Fifty Year Certificates presented. Visitations are narrated in a very readable manner and cover both attendance at meetings of constituent chapters and associate bodies, also his visits to other jurisdictions. We note his friendly reference to our Convocation attended by him in company with R. Ex. Comp. Clifford MacDonald. We much appreciate visits from our friends of New York indeed an Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter would not seem complete without a delegation from New York. We must not overlook his reference to the Royal Arch Sunday service held in the Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn under the direction of Rev. Charles D. Broughton.

Among the decisions recorded, we find a comment to the effect that M. Ex. Comp. Lobee is of the opinion that the scope of Grand Chapter's charitable activities should be broadened and an increase in funds for this purpose should be considered.

Recommendations include a contribution to the Grand Lodge of $500.00 for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. A timely reference

is made to the unsatisfactory condition of financial conditions both in the Constituent Chapters and in those of Grand Chapter.

The concluding remarks of this truly fine address include a vigorous comment on the lack of care in the selection of Royal Arch material. The words of the Grand High Priest are all too-true and hit home not only in New York but in many other jurisdictions including Canada. Read these extracts from this authoritative reference.—

> "There is every indication that Masonry in all its branches has become increasingly careless in its selection of members. As a result of the materialism which is sweeping the world, I believe we have reached the point where the primary concern of an investigating committee is the candidate's ability to pay his initiation fee and his dues rather than his character, his conduct, and his ability to fit into the Masonic pattern which was the requirement when men were more interested in the spiritual side of life."

Also this forceful closing paragraph on a subject that should appeal to every serious-minded Royal Arch Mason.—

> "If we are to continue to exist, a change must and can be made. We must start with the preparation and teaching of the candidate who knocks at our inner door. The opportunity is yours, Companions. You are the leaders. I urge you to meet the challeng

We close our review of this address with the comment that in our humble opinion the candidates of today are those who tomorrow will determine the character, conduct and purpose of the Royal Arch thus providing an imperative need for the greatest care in the selection of our membership.

To omit a reference to the marvellous humanitarian work carried on by the committee in charge of the Tuberculosis Relief Fund would indeed be remiss. This fund has reached the enormous total of $144,142.00. The work undertaken by our companions of New York will stand as a monument to the charity of the Masons of that jurisdiction and should prove an inspiration to other Grand Chapters who seek an outlet to demonstrate the cardinal virtue of Masonry.

From the Grand Treasurer's report, we find that finances of Grand Chapter appear sound, although expenditures appear to be somewhat greater than current revenue. A summary which indicates the total of the various funds gives the grand total as $345,957.00.

Despite a loss through death alone of 969 and through other

causes of 611, the Grand Secretary reports a net increase in membership of 782, the total number of admissions being 2,362.

A motion to fix the minimum for chapter dues was presented and the minimum was set as three dollars. The per capita tax also was increased from fifty-five cents to one dollar, both resolutions when put to Grand Chapter were formally endorsed.

The Fraternal Review is from the pen of M. Ex. Comp. Charles J. Wells. His Foreword is intensely interesting. He deals with smug contentment which in speaking of world conditions is dangerous and suggests that the standards of democracy are taking on a pinkish hue. But we give you a line or two from this brilliantly written Foreword.—

> "Humanizing God and defying men must cease if the ideals of Masonry and Democracy are to prevail. Masons must realize anew the significance of the letter G suspended in the East."

We, also, quote the closing paragraph of this thought-provoking article.—

> "Letting down to a 'suitable proficiency' level weakens the Craft from within like the compromise of appeasement weakens the cause of democracy. No proficiency is suitable unless it is our very best endeavor. Appeasement always fails. Let us have positive Democracy and positive Masonry. When we thoroughly know where we stand ourselves, there will be no difficulty in convincing others."

Turning to his review of Canada we find that our 1948 Convocation has been generously reviewed with liberal extracts from our Grand Z's address and note and comment on our many activities. He even finds space to make a friendly reference to our last review. His treatment of Canada is much appreciated and we in turn tender congratulations on a masterly report.

Following the election of officers Charles Samson was installed as Grand High Priest. The Grand Secretary's office continues as the charge of Carl G. Wilhelms.

Canada's representative in New York is Clifford A. MacDonald while Past Grand Z John M. Burden is New York's representative near our Grand Chapter.

NEW ZEALAND

A. C. Hallett—First Grand Principal.

F. J. Rea—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—81, Membership—5,782, Gain—267.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Greymouth, February 23, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Hallett on the throne. Seven Past First Grand Principals were seated in the Grand East. Greetings were tendered by sixty-two Grand Representatives including our Good-Will Ambassador R. Ex. Comp. N. B. Spencer who responded for Canada.

Grand Chapter was opened in due form after which R. Ex. Comp. F. E. Boustridge as Mayor of Greymouth extended a warm civic welcome

R. Ex. Comp. Herbert Campbell was ananimously elected First Grand Principal. The annual address of M. Ex. Comp. Hallett was inspirational in character and while brief as such addresses go it nevertheless leaves with its readers much serious food for reflection. After extending a fraternal greeting he referred feelingly to the loss of eleven highly respected and esteemed companions who had served Grand Chapter and who during the year passed to the Great Beyond. After announcing the institution of a new chapter, the appointment of two Grand Lecturers and commenting upon the success attained during the previous twelve months he had this to say.—

> "Freemasonry is founded on the practice of every moral and social virtue but this standard is not acceptable to those who worship at the shrine of the new materialistic civilisation, being led to look for a Utopia at the end of a road paved with material achievements, without any consideration for the rights, liberty, and privileges of others. We rest our confidence on the supreme authority of the Volume of the Sacred Law, which shows the immortal compact between God and man that he who would reach a true state of happiness must tread the paths of unselfish duty through sacrifice and self-denial."

He, also, makes this sage comment.—

> "Freemasonry should not rest upon the traditions of a glorious past, nor yet rely upon a policy of over optimism. If our engineering brethren have built up a visible structure for the requirements of our present generation, our Most High has a design which will also meet present day problems. I believe that if the principles of the Volume of the Sacred Law are carefully followed they will have increasing influence in the affairs of man.

The First Grand Principal closes a most challenging address with these words and this well beloved verse.—

> "Within the craft our duty is plain. It has been asserted that what is old and tried is obsolete, and what we need is progress. Progress we must have, but the progress to be of any real lasting value cannot afford to neglect the wisdom of the past, which charges us with a Divine Authority —'Choose ye this day whom you will serve — God or Mammon, Jehovah or Baal'."

"All have a share in the beauty,
All have a share in the plan.
What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of a man?

It is noted that the Grand Scribe E. tendered his resignation and we learn with regret of Comp. Rea's serious illness. Tribute was paid to the M. Ex. Companion for his sterling service to Royal Arch Masonry and it was officially announced that R. Ex. Comp. E. Cannons was appointed to the position of Grand Scribe E.

The balance sheet of Grand Chapter is quite interesting and leaves the reader with the impression that financially Grand Chapter is on a solid founadtion. Total assets appear to be equivalent to some $40,000.00.

"Honoria Causa" rank was conferred upon a number of veteran craftsmen for meritorious service to the Royal Arch.

New Zealand carries on a laudable work under the direction of the Jubilee Scholarship Council. Grants of various amounts are made to boys and girls to assist in attaining a higher education.

The reports of the various Grand Superintendents provide interesting reading and give the reader much information as to conditions throughout the jurisdiction.

The First Grand Principal-Elect M. Ex. Comp. Campbell and his line of officers were duly installed into office according to ancient custom. From M. Ex. Comp. Campbell's remarks we extract the following which merits our silent applause.—

> "In Royal Arch Masonry we have a heritage of constructive ideals to offer the world. In our own Chapters, meeting on a common ground of companionship, freed from the distractions of all that tends to sour the spirits of men, we find peace and love, which should inspire us with a deeper thought of the brotherhood of man and encourage us to strive each in our own environment, to advance the cause of mutual understanding and companionship between all men that will advance the betterment of the world and stem the decline in religion, morality and all higher thoughts and ideals."

Canada is ably represented in New Zealand by N. B. Spencer while New Zealand's representative near our Grand Chapter is Dr. J. Austin Evans.

NORTH DAKOTA

Harry G. Poulson—Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—24, Membership 2,620, Gain—97.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation held in Fargo, January 19th, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Poulson as Grand High Priest.

Following the Ceremonial Opening of Grand Chapter nine Past Grand High Priests and twenty-five Grand Representatives were formally received.

Distinguished visitors included representatives of the Grand Chapters of South Dakota and Manitoba as well as delegations from Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite. All were fittingly welcomed and conducted to the East.

Flags of the United States and Canada were presented in due form. The presence of the Union Jack no doubt was in deference to M. Ex. Comp. Simmons of Manitoba.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Poulson was of an unusual variety. Free from fulsome phrases and platitudenous remarks it was written rather as a narrative than as a report and carries the reader's interest from start to finish. The preliminary remarks commence with a word of thanks to the "Almighty" for every good and perfect gift. M. Ex. Comp. Poulson then refers to the crops and the high cost of living concluding the first paragraph with the terse statement "that the price range of food commodities is still too high but there is a downward trend." This, of course, is good news, but apparently the downward movement has not reached Canada as yet.

Visitations when listed in detail at times make tiresome reading, not so those of M. Ex. Comp. Poulson, they read like a story. I found myself so interested in his many visits to Dickinson to revive the chapter that like a story book I turned over pages to learn the result of his efforts. There is a freedom of speech that makes each visit a tale unto itself. After a perusal of these visits I almost felt that I too had been present.

Under Necrology graceful tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Albert Johnson, and Past Grand Master L. K. Thompson, both of whom passed away during the year.

The Grand High Priest concluded a most entertaining address with words of commendation for the assistance rendered by the Grand Secretary. He also referred to travelling some 14,000 miles by motor car, his wife serving as chauffeur—we agree with him that she is entitled to the words "Thank You," indeed we feel that some more tangible recognition is merited.

The report of the Grand Treasurer informs us that receipts amounted to $3,331.00, disbursements were $4,550.00, with a reserve fund of cash and bonds totalling $6,977.00.

The Administrative report of Grand Secretary Stockwell is both interesting and comprehensive—if there is anything one wishes to know about Grand Chapter it will be found in this excellent report. One feature that is interesting is the increase in membership, despite a heavy los of 125 from various causes.

From an impressive report on "Memorials" we extract the following verse.—

> "Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form
> Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm
> Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread
> Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

M. Ex. Comp. Murfin presented the Capitular Review and this in our opinion is one of the high-lights of the proceedings. He takes time to expatiate on the tendency of hurrying candidates through in large classes and in this regard he receives the entire support of this correspondent. He refers jocularly to such exaltations as being advanced on a "tag you are it" basis.—We quote a few lines which convey this thought in this regard.—

> "In our view, a candidate who views the rendition of the degree from the side-lines will be inclined to think that he has seen it all and that there is no use coming back to see a repetition, while the one who is an active candidate will have the urge to return at least once to see somebody else get it. Then the habit may grow. There is also the effect on the officers It doesn't take much brains to figure out that officers will not be so efficient, nor will they continue to be interested, with one big class as they will if there is frequent work. The further result will cure what the Grand High Priest of Mississippi terms the "Lingering illness of indifference".

Comp. Murfin's comments on this subject is timely reaching us

just as we are writing a paper on the same subject to be read at the next Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters.

To support his contention Comp. Murfin quotes liberally from various addresses in other jurisdictions, most of which indicate the need for Masonic Education.

Gilbert H. Movius was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. Walter L. Stockwell continues as Grand Secretary.

Our representative in North Dakota is Clifford E. Miller, while J. A. M. Taylor represents North Dakota in Canada.

NOVA SCOTIA

P. S. Cochrane—Grand High Priest.

H. F. Sipprell—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—21, Membership— 1,993, Gain—113.

The Seventy-Ninth Annual Convocation held in Halifax June 8, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Cochrane in the chair. Nine Past Grand High Priests graced the East by their presence.

Following the ceremonial opening many guests were received, cordially welcomed and greeted with the customary honors. These included a delegation from the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, representatives of the Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, the Red Cross of Constantine and M. Wor. Bro. A. H. McMillan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Twenty-four jurisdictions were present in the persons of their Grand Representatives all of whom were fittingly received.

Divine Service was conducted by the Grand Chaplain after which an offertory was accepted and donated to the fund for the Blind.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Cochrane provides a resumè of his year's labor in the vineyards of the Royal Craft.

After extending a welcome to all present the Grand High Priest in graceful terms referred to the Fraternal Dead. He follows with a list of his appointments and reported the issue of twenty-four dispensations none of which covered unusual matters.

Visitations both within and beyond the boundaries of his own territory are given full coverage and in particular we note his reference to a visit to our Grand Chapter where this correspondent was privileged to meet him and enjoyed an evening in his company.

Among his recommendations is one to appoint a Grand Organist, this being necessary as an annual Divine Service has now become an essential feature of the Annual Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. Cochrane closes an excellent address with these words.—

> "To have been your servant for a year has been a heart-warming experience, one to stimulate him to renewed effort for the great cause in which we are all engaged."

Nova Scotia is divided into six districts and the reports of the Grand Superintendents are intensely interesting. Perhaps no official is more closely in touch with general conditions, therefore, the reports of these zealous and pains-taking officers provides an accurate picture of the Capitular Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates that due to unusual expense during the year, revenue did not quite cover the expenditures. The total assets of Grand Chapter stand at $8,799.00.

The Grand Secretary's report is comprehensive and informs us, that the increase in membership was 113, fifteen chapters recorded a nice increase, the most outstanding being Keystone with a gain of 30 members.

We note that Nova Scotia is publishing an official Bulletin known as the Royal Craftsman. This appears to be filling a long felt want, and if not out of place we should like to receive a sample copy.

Our good friend R. V. Harris presented the Report of Necrology and concludes an eulogistic reference to the passing of many pillars of the Craft with the ever impressive poem.—

> 'Sunset and evening star,
> And one clear call for me!
> And may there be no moaning of the bar,
> When I put out to sea,
>
> Twilight and evening bell
> And after that the dark
> And may there be no sadness of farewell
> When I embark;

For, though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

Nova Scotia has just issued a copy of the "New Work" which comes into effect immediately. A revision of the constitution is also being considered by a special committee.

M. Ex. Comp. Harris presented a full report on the first Conference of Canadian Grand Chapters, he explained its purpose, policies and organization. This report was duly confirmed by Grand Chapter.

M. Ex. Comp. Cochrane presented the report on Fraternal Correspondence. He stated that "reviewing proceedings is a most interesting and profitable labor" and suggested, that the reviews should prove instructive and inspirational. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading Comp. Cochrane's review and tender our appreciation of a short but complete coverage of our London 1947 Convocation.

F. M. Blois was elected and installed Grand High Priest, while H. F. Sipprell was again given the onorous post of Grand Secretary.

It is interesting to note that the next place of meeting is to be St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada's tenth Province.

Our jurisdiction is represented in Nova Scotia by George S. Wright, while our newly installed Grand Z. Clarence M. Pitts has the honor of representing Nova Scotia near our Grand Chapter.

OHIO

Herbert T. Leyland—Grand High Priest.

Mont. C. Hambright—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—200, Membership—58,260, Gain—2,211.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Convocation held in Dayton October 27, 28, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Leyland presiding.

It is rather interesting to note that the Grand Officers and guests were escorted from their hotel to the Masonic Temple by a

detail of uniformed Knights Templar. We, in Canada, lack this color in the opening of our Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter, having been duly opened, followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain the United States and Canadian flags were posted and all joined in singing the national anthems of both countries.

Eighteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-seven Grand Representatives were in attendance and were formally recognized and greeted.

A host of visitors were introduced. These included representatives from the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Michigan, New York, Tennessee, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Canada.

Associate bodies present were Grand Council, Grand Commandery, General Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

It is unnecessary to add that all were warmly welcomed and received with honors befitting their rank in Masonry.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Leyland is beautifully written and bespeaks the author as one with a cultured and scholarly mind. This inspirational address fully covers the year's activities and is studded with sage advice and lofty ideals. After a gracious welcome to those present the Grand High Priest spoke of the future of the Royal Craft and had this to say.—

> "Let us plan, not for today, nor for one year, nor for ten years, but for the years of our children and our children's children. Let us have the vision, the foresight and the optimism of those fourteen companions of 1816, who cast their eyes on a far-off future and envisaged the land of tomorrow. My humble hope is that we of today may build our Rite strong and deep in the hearts of our companions, thereby ensuring its perpetuation to generations yet unborn."

Glowing tribute was paid to the officers and Past Grand High Priests for their courteous co-operation and assistance.

In eloquent terms reference was made to the Fraternal Dead. During the year 1,097 Companions were gathered to their fathers as evidence that the Grim Reaper had been unusually active.

Appointments and dispensations follow, these being carefully detailed. The latter covering purely administrative matters.

Seventy-three veterans qualified for and were presented with Fifty Year Emblems.

Visitations throughout the jurisdiction were many and impresses this correspondent as indicating that M. Ex. Comp. Leyland was most generous with his time in the performance of this phase of his official duty. Numerous visits were also paid to other Grand Bodies. It is noted that reference is made to his visit to our Grand Chapter and it is needless to say that we were delighted to have him with us.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the title of District Officers be changed from District Inspector to District Deputy Grand High Priest. These officials no doubt are the counterpart of our Grand Superintendents or in Grand Lodge of our District Deputy Grand Masters. These officers represent the Grand Z. and Grand Master respectively in the district over which they are elected to preside. A timely warning was sounded by the Grand High Priest with reference to the desirability of carefully checking the insurance on the robes and paraphernalia of subordinate chapters.

From the closing remarks of M. Ex. Comp. Leyland, we extract this thought with which we are in complete accord and which he so ably presents.—

> "The credit of the Order in the estimation of the world depends more upon the conduct and everyday's walk of individual members than the conduct of the institution as such. The different Masonic bodies may inculcate all the cardinal principles but if these virtues are disregarded in private life, the world will be justified in the conclusion that Masonry has but little influence on its members. The propriety (I may say the necessity) then, of acting in conformity with the injunctions of our Order, as near at least as human frailty will permit, must be obvious to all."

The report of the Grand Secretary provides some figures that will be absolutely amazing to Canadians. New members admitted and re-instated 4,027, losses through death and other causes 1,816, leaving a net gain of 2,211—truly a remarkable record.

We must not overlook a brief comment on the splendid work being done through the Ohio Masonic Home. This institution now has 427 residents, men, women, boys and girls. The endowment Fund totals $1,606,078.00 an increase of $136,736.00 for the current year. When we consider the amount invested and the humanitarian work that is so generously being carried on, we are forced to the conclusion that Ohio provides an inspiration to those Grand Bodies whose charitable activities are almost negligible.

It is with considerable regret that we learn that M. Ex. Comp. Carl W. Sperling has been forced through ill-health to relinquish his duties as Fraternal Correspondent. For nearly twenty years he has written the Capitular Review and during that time has endeared himself to his fellow-correspondents. A distinguished Craftsman and one of our most talented writers his retirement will be a matter of deep regret. His vigorous, kindly and scholarly reports will be sadly missed by those of us who still gather around the Capitular Round Table. We trust that we shall soon hear of his recovery to his accustomed good health and vigor. And now to his successor M. Ex. Comp. Henry Gruen, we tender a warm welcome to our circle. He comes to the position with a wealth of experience and we predict that he will ably maintain the high standard set by his predecessor in office.

We now turn to his first review of Canada 1947 and may say that he has most courteously and generously covered our London Convocation. Liberal extracts from our Grand Z's address together with note and comment on the various happenings of the year all find a place. He even excerpts from our last "Foreword" and is kind enough to suggest that it is worthy of attention. Many thanks Comp. Gruen, your comment is much appreciated. In conclusion permit me to say that as usual I have enjoyed reviewing Ohio and your splendid reviews have added much to my enjoyment.

Following the election of officers V. W. Prather was duly installed as Grand High Priest. Mont. C. Hambright as to be expected continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened October 27, 1948.

Our representative in Ohio is George J. Kohler while owing to the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, who for years has represented Ohio in Canada, the commission of Ohio at this writing is still open.

OKLAHOMA

Orin C. Darling—Grand High Priest.

James A. Lathim—Grand Secretary

Chapters—48, Membership—7,254, Gain—326.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation held at Lawson, April 5, 6, 1949. Grand Chapter was opened in full form after which an address of welcome was tendered on behalf of the local chapter and the citizens of Lawson.

The East was graced by the presence of twelve Past Grand High Priests, while forty-one jurisdictions were represented by Grand Representatives. Frank E. Eldred responded for Canada.

Among the distinguished guests were delegations from the Grand Chapter of Texas, The Grand Commandery Knights Templar, the Grand Council and the Scottish Rite all of whom were escorted to the Grand East and appropriately received.

From the address of M. Ex. Comp. Darling, we glean much information as to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Oklahoma. After a very sincere welcome to all present M. Ex. Comp. Darling referred to the loss sustained through the passing of many companions, paying special tribute to the late Charles N. Cutler Past Grand High Priest. In a commentary on the "State of the Order" he states that while a number of chapters are doing fine work there were also a number in which the flame of devotion was burning very low. From this section of his address we excerpt the following.—

> "So little emphasis is placed upon spiritual values in our every day living, that there is a danger that we descend to the level of a pagan nation in our rush after wordly and physical things, ignoring that close contact with God which made us great. Royal Arch Masonry has as great a responsibility as the Church in keeping the moral fibre of our manhood at a high level."

Speaking of rituals he comments on the fact that the Royal Arch is suffering through not having a uniform ritual throughout the State. Apparently revisions have been recently made and while some chapters are using the revised form, others are adhering to the old "Work." This correspondent can appreciate this situation as we in Canada made certain revisions sometime ago and now after years of use, many of the older members decline to memorize the new work and continue to use the old form. However, this is gradually adjusting itself and we feel that in another year or two the old work will be completely discarded. It is of note that in Oklahoma a prospective member must petition, not only, for the chapter, but, also, the Cryptic degrees. In Canada the Cryptic body is separate and distinct from the Royal Craft and membership in both is in no way obligatory.

After naming appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives, the Grand High Priest devotes considerable space to a full report of his visitations. A perusal of this section of his report clearly indicates that M. Ex. Comp. Darling was most active in the discharge of his official duties in this connection.

Among his recommendations is one to provide a printed ballot for the election of Grand Chapter officers. The form suggested is similar to that in use in Canada and which by the way has proven to be most satisfactory. After a grateful acknowledgement of the assistance rendered by members of the Craft and others, the Grand High Priest concludes a very informative address.

From the Grand Treasurer we learn that receipts were in advance of expenditures with cash on deposit of $7,330.83, an Educational Fund of $2,641.00 and investments totalling to $31,200.00. Fiscal affairs in Oklahoma appear to be on a very sound basis.

Grand Secretary Lathim's report is also very interesting and quite comprehensive. Despite a loss of 399 from death and other causes the membership shows a net increase of 326.

From a most eloquent report on Necrology we extract these all-too-true words.—

> "Life is not stretched out beyond endurance; and the vision of immortality may gild the horizon as the light of a setting sun. All the future to the humble and obedient is bright and the present weary march is not longer than can be borne, even by feeble human strength. The brevity of human life may properly act as a salutary check against entertaining too high an estimate of earthly things. The things of time have their importance. And he who has a just view of the future will be the more likely to place a just estimate on the present."

The reports of the eight District Deputy Grand High Priests' are all well written and carry much reader interest.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by Past Grand High Priest Hayward H. Skaggs. This is his third review and from his very entertaining Foreword we note his comments on general conditions. We are particularly interested in the welfare work that is being carried on by many of the Grand Chapters. He lists a number and refers to their educational and charitable projects, all of which provide a definite answer to those croakers who are continually asking "What is Royal Arch Masonry doing to justify its existence."

We, also, note and appreciate his remarks anent the service rendered by Fraternal Correspondents.

Turning to his review of Canada we find a very complete coverage of our 1948 Convocation with extracts from our Grand Z's address and a running commentary on our various reports and activities. His kindly reference to our last review brings pleasure to this correspondent and we should like to say that our opposite number in Oklahoma is establishing a very high standard in his reviews. Again we say thanks and express our pleasure in reviewing Oklahoma.

Following the election of officers F. M. Lumbard was duly installed as Grand High Priest. James A. Lathim was re-elected Grand Secretary. Muskagee was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened in the evening of April 5th.

Oklahoma's interests in Canada are faithfully protected by Ed. Worth, while Canada's representative in Oklahoma is Frank E. Eldred.

OREGON

Horace E. Getz—Grand High Priest.

Richard H. Tusant—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—50, Membership—7,694, Gain—398.

The Eighty-Eighth Annual Convocation held in Albany April 13, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Getz presiding.

After the formalities of opening Grand Chapter, prayers by the Grand Chaplain and posting the National Flag, visitors were introduced and officially welcomed. These included distinguished Companions from the Grand Chapters of Washington, and California, the Grand Master of Grand Council and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

Eleven Past Rulers of Oregon and twenty-three Grand Representatives were fittingly received. We note with regret the absence of Canada's representative.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest provides a complete resume of the year's activities and is most interesting. After a warm welcome to all present M. Ex. Comp. Getz had this to say.—

> "I have learned that wherever the fundamental principles taught in our several degrees are honestly, sincerely and fearlessly preached and practiced, there peace and harmony prevails among men. The Royal Arch Chapter should be the most effective fraternity in promoting the progress of Freemasonry, inspiring interest, and encouraging our Masonic Brethren to continue their journey through the advanced degrees, and pursue their search for light and truth to its logical conclusion."

After listing his many visitations and enumerating his appointments and dispensations, he stated that Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction was in a healthy condition and recommended, that a minimum fee of $25.00 be establshed and per capita tax be increased from 50c to 75c. These recommendations were referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for report in 1950. After referring in glowing terms to the assistance rendered by the various officers the Grand High Priest closed a splendid address with these words.—

> "We should treasure highly our right to live as free men. Man is not placed upon the earth to be indolent and inactive. Each of us has a part to play and a destiny to fill in the drama of life. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Freedom can not be had under a totalitarian system of government, whether it be called noxism, fascism, or communism. They are predicated upon tyranny and oppression and deny the right of individual men to think and act for themselves."

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates a cash balance of $2,583.00 with investments totalling $21,000.00 and a Life Membership Fund of $17,690.00.

From the Grand Secretary we learn that forty-one of the fifty chapters recorded a net gain in membership and despite a heavy loss through death and other causes, the net increase for the jurisdiction was 398.

From a beautiful report on Memorials we quote the concluding lines.—

> "So let us turn our eyes out to the sea as the sailor does, with courageous readiness to embark on the greatest of all voyages when the wind turns off shore, the voyage to that 'house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' Until then, let us build great thoughts and great deeds, and this shall be a fitting memorial to our Companions who have passed into another room in the Father's House."

The address of the Grand Orator provides interesting reading and merits our silent applause. Would that we could quote gen-

erously from this literary epic but lack of space forbids and we content ourselves with quoting the poetic lines used by Comp. Beaty to illustrate a point.—

> "To every man there openeth a way, ways, and a way;
> And the high soul climbs the highways while the low soul gropes the low;
> And in between on the misty flats the rest drift to and fro;
> But to every man there openeth a high way and a low;
> And every man decides which way his soul shall go."

Following the election of officers Robert E. Dodge was installed as Grand High Priest, Richard H. Tusant was re-elected Grand Secretary and the City of Medford was selected as the next place of meeting.

Fred A. Purdin is Canada's representative in Oregon while William E. Treganza is Oregon's representative near our Grand Chapter.

PENNSYLVANIA

Charles F. Weeks—Grand High Priest.

C. F. Kitselman—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—152, Membership—38,089, Gain—1,204.

Quarterly communication held in Philadelphia March 4, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Weeks presiding. Following the opening of Grand Chapter the various quarterly reports on finance, membership and other administrative matters were presented, discussed and formally dealt with.

Quarterly held June 3rd, M. Ex. Comp. Weeks declared Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form and extended a welcome to a number of distinguished guests. After considering the usual reports of various officers and committees Grand Chapter was duly closed.

Quarterly held September 2nd. Following the opening ceremonies and after receiving honored visitors and disposing of routine business M. Ex. Comp. Carwithen, secretary of the Finance Committee reported the death of Past Grand High Priest Robert J. Arnett, chairman of the committee. From a beautiful "In Memoriam" delivered by M. Ex. Comp. Frank R. Leech, we learn of the many Masonic activities of the deceased companion. Truly

Pennsylvania has suffered a severe loss and we in Canada tender our deepest sympathy. The impressive Memorial closes with that sublime poem "Sunset and Evening Star." We quote a brief line or two.—

> "Twilight and evening bell,
> And after that the dark,
> And may there be no sadness of farewell
> When I embark."

Quarterly communication held December 2nd, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Weeks in the chair. Five Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. After declaring Grand Chapter opened in Ample Form, the Grand High Priest directed that the roll of Grand Representatives be called. Forty-four responded on behalf of their respective jurisdictions. This being the Annual Convocation a host of distinguished visitors were present to partake of Pennsylvania's well-known hospitality. These included leaders of Grand Lodge, Grand Council, the Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Commandery and M. Ex. Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Also present were delegations from the following Sister Jurisdictions of Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Delaware, West Virginia and Canada represented by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean. It is needless to add that all were fittingly received and warmly greeted.

The annual address of M. Ex. Comp. Weeks while somewhat abridged, nevertheless, covers a broad territory of endeavour or to use his own words "It is a resume of my activities for the current year." In his introductory remarks he graciously extends a sincere welcome to all present. Referring to the four objectives which he set for his administration he reported that the revision of the Constitution was well under way. Fifty year awards had been instituted, a new ceremony established for the Order of High Priesthood, but the fourth objective which was to be the formation of a charitable enterprise had not been accomplished. He stated that due to economic conditions he deemed it unwise to attempt a development of this kind. He, however, expressed the hope that serious thought would be given to this matter by Grand Chapter.

After a timely warning to constituent chapters with regard to care in the selection of secretaries, he paid graceful tribute to the

Fraternal Dead with a special reference to the passing of two pillars of the Craft in the persons of M. Ex. Comps. R. J. Arnett, and James C. Weir.

Visitations are all set forth without detail or comment. In reading of his dispensations it is noted that all were issued for the purpose of conferring the Royal Arch degree in less time than is required by the Constitution. M. Ex. Comp. Weeks closed a wholesome and interesting address in a few words referring to his term of office and commending his successor to the Companions and bespeaking for him loyal and undivided support.

From the Financial Statement we note that receipts and disbursements about balance with investments valued at $146,155.00. We, also, note that a Memorial Trust Fund has a balance of $23,-400.00 Pennsylvania is one of the oldest of the American Grand Chapters and is accumulating a fund for their 175th anniversary. This fund at present amounts to $1,610.00.

The Grand High Priest-Elect addressed Grand Chapter and announced a comprehensive program concluding with this poetic plea for co-operative support.

"Someone has blended the plaster,
Someone has carried the stone,
Neither the man nor the Master
Ever has builded alone.

Building a room from the weather,
Or building a house for the King,
Only by working together,
Have men accomplished a thing."

As usual the Fraternal Review is the product of a committee. We are greatly indebted to William H. Micheals for a courteous, friendly and decidedly complete review of Canada. He devotes three pages to our jurisdiction and gives full coverage to our 1948 Convocation. Nothing is left to imagination, he seems to have referred to or commented on all phases of the Toronto meetings. Liberal extracts from our Grand Z's address are given, also, an excerpt from our address of welcome to our visitors. He even finds space for a favorable comment on our last review all of which is greatly appreciated. In complimenting Comp. Micheals on a splendid review may we say that we always enjoy our brief stay by the correspondence route in Pennsylvania. Again we tender thanks and appreciation.

Following the election of officers Arthur L. Miller was proclaimed Grand High Priest. John C. F. Kitselman was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Samuel Shaw most capably carries the commission of Canada in Pennsylvania while L. F. Stephens, K.C. of Hamilton has the honor of representing Pennsylvania near our Grand.

QUEENSLAND

R. N. F. Quinn—First Grand Principal.

S. W. Coulter—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—109, Membership—5,005, Gain—289.

The Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland was held in Brisbane August 6, 1948.

M. Ex. Comp. Quinn opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form with solemn prayer.

A welcome was extended to all present after which he spoke feelingly of the Fraternal Dead with a particuar reference to the great loss sustained through the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. Thomas C. Moxley Past First Grand Principal closing with this poetic gem.—

> "Some in silver and some in gold
> Leave what stuff their hand could hold,
> He preferred at least to be
> One to live in memory."

The address of the First Grand Principal as usual was a literary treat. One reads M. Ex. Comp. Quinn's oratorical messages with compelling interest. Fain would we quote generously from this inspirational talk but must content ourselves with quoting the last paragraph.

> "The history and purpose of our Order is great enough, and its simple message grand enough, to command the respect of the most critical mind, and the homage of all men of goodwill. The clear outline of its purpose, method, and plan, and the spirit underlying its work, tells its own story, gives its message, and is capable of making an enduring impression. The Vision is for him who has the power to see it, and translate it into action. Again I would urge prompt and earnest action.
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> "Remember, to-day is the climax of countless ages; replete with opportunity, beauty, and fragrance—it is yours — just for to-day."

Forty-Six Grand Representatives answer the Roll-Call. Canada was represented by the ever-faithful J. Shirra Sr.

After announcing his appointments the First Grand Principal received the report of the Grand Committee. This report after dealing with many administrative matters recommended that an expression of loyalty and goodwill be forwarded to His Majesty King George VI. A motion to this effect was submitted and unanimously carried.

Petitions were received for the formation of two new Chapters, these having been approved the Committee recommended the issue of Charters to Peninsular and Clermont Chapters.

From the financial statement of the Grand Treasurer receipts in excess of disbursements with total assets of approximately $70,000.00 which includes a Benevolent Fund of some $40,000.00.

We are constrained to extract a few lines from an address delivered April 7th by M. Ex. Comp. Quinn. After an eloquent reference to changing conditions in this chaotic world he had this to say.—

> "Human emotions have changed but little throughout the ages, but their expression changes with the times. Let us not forget that man is an integral part of the Universe, endowed with a share of that intelligence which underlies creation, and therefore charged, and expected to take a part, though it may be a small one, in the Great Purpose".

As is customary in Queensland the First Grand Principal was returned again to office, there being no other nominations. Comp. Quinn has occupied the high and exalted office of Grand Z since the Grand Chapter's inception in 1922. Needless to say that he is a man of great Masonic experience, talented and a fitting leader for the Royal Craft. He is a Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and has held, or is still holding important offices in a wide range of Masonic bodies.

The election and investiture of the entire line of officers beneath the office of First Grand Principal was held at this Convocation.

As already noted Canada is most capably represented in Queensland by R. Ex. Comp. J. Shirra Sr., while Queensland is, equally well represented in Canada by R. Ex. Comp. Neil A. MacEachern.

RHODE ISLAND

Warren A. Sherman—Grand High Priest.

Edward M. Wheeler—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—15, Membership—5,361, Loss—66.

The One Hundred and Fifty-First Annual Convocation held in Providence March 9, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Sherman presiding.

Grand Chapter was formally opened followed by prayer by the Associate Grand Chaplain and the singing of the National Anthem.

Guests from Sister Jurisdictions included representatives from Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Connecticut, Ohio, New Hampshire, Quebec and our jurisdiction represented by Grand First Principal F. W. Dean. Also present were delegates from General Grand Chapter, the Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, Grand Council and the Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. It is unnecessary to add that all were cordially greeted and received with appropriate honors. Thirty-nine Grand Representatives and twelve Past Grand High Priests were, also, received and formally welcomed.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Sherman is interesting indeed impressive. We quote his opening remarks.—

> "On Friday of this week the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations will have completed one hundred and fifty years of continuous existence. It has existed that long because it has respected throughout its history ideals that as far as human understanding can determine are essentially a part of the Great Eternal. It believes in the worth of the individual, who is entitled to become the best of which he is capable; has demanded excellence in moral qualities; has accorded its members absolute freedom of choice, freedom of conscience, and freedom of worship within that fundamental Masonic conception of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; and has demanded of its devotees that they practice in their daily lives its precepts and subordinate their own inertia and comfort to its success.'

After a sympathetic reference to the Fraternal Dead the Grand High Priest refers to appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives and then proceeds to enumerate his dispensations. These latter deal with purely administrative matters

Visitations both within and beyond his own jurisdiction are

detailed after which reference is made to the loss in membership which was quite disappointing. He ends this section with these remarks.—

> "We need more than an increase in membership. We need a revival and rededication to the principles of our order."

The Grand High Priest brings to a close a very fine address with these words which carry a message that we should all take to heart.—

> "Our state has been enriched for 150 years by the development of our organization; its ideals and principles have ennobled the lives of a large number of persons who have and do live here. Internationally these ideals and principles are now being challenged as never before. We face either increased devotion to them by you or their destruction upon the face of the earth. Which it shall be is for you to decide. Individual action on your part is needed; action—politically, religiously, morally. Even if our ideals are part of the Creator's plan for the universe, their immediate attainment is dependent upon us. The Creator has left a lot of things for us to do and has apparently no intention of doing what we can do for ourselves. Our part is not to shirk."

From the Grand Secretary we learn that losses exceed the gain in membership by sixty-six which is fifty-four less than the preceding year. Despite the loss in membership the Grand Treasurer's report indicates finances as sound and encouraging. Revenue is well in excess of disbursements while the total assets amount to $22,321.00.

The address of the Grand Lecturer brings home some unpleasant truths. He states that while Craft Masonry is flourishing, the trend is not toward the capitular body. An apathetic attitude and a spirit of defeatism on the part of chapter officers is in his opinion largely responsible for the lack of interest in our work. He deals with this serious condition in a factual manner which, no doubt, will inspire chapter officers to greater effort in disseminating the advantages of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Grand Secretary presents the report on Foreign Correspondence. He deals with facts and figures that prove despite the condition of the Royal Arch in Rhode Island, that Capitular Masonry is elsewhere on the move.

From a beautiful "Memorial" to the memory of P.G.H.P. Walter Howard Nichols, we extract the following.—

> "Forgive the tear, a tribute of farewell
> To ease the pain of parting for a while

With one to who his long home goes to dwell
And we no longer see his kindly smile;
This thought alone can ease our bitter pain,
Sometime, somewhere, dear friend, we'll meet again."

Edward S. Pratt was elected and installed Grand High Priest while, of course, Edward M. Wheeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada's representative in Rhode Island is Norris G. Abbott, while Edward H. Breman holds the commission of Rhode Island near our Grand Chapter.

SASKATCHEWAN

Dr. J. E. Nunn—Grand Z.

Alfred A. Wilson—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—25, Membership—2,312, Gain—163.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation held in Saskatoon May 21, 1948. Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form by M. Ex. Comp. Nunn who was accompanied to the Grand East by seventeen Past Grand Z's.

It may not be amiss for me to say that after a lengthy and very pleasant literary journey through the United States, it is always a pleasure to return home and again find myself among "my ain folk", to read of Canadian cities and deal with Masonic titles so familiar to a Canadian Mason. We are wandering somewhat far afield and must now concentrate on a review of our Sister Province.

Among the guests present were leaders of the Royal Craft from Alberta, Manitoba, North Dakota, Montana, Maine and our very own Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean.

After a welcome from Saskatoon chapter and the Mayor of the city, the Grand Z. delivered a sterling address. While anything but lengthy it provides interesting reading and enlightening information.

We are constrained to quote his opening remarks.—

"On this the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of this Grand Chapter and the fiftieth year of Royal Arch Masonry in Saskatchewan, our first duty should be an expression of thanks to the great Architect of the Universe for the prosperity we have enjoyed and for any good we may have been able to accomplish.

"Our times are in His hand
Who saith, 'A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God; see all,
nor be afraid!"

After a gracious welcome to all present and words of appreciation for those who rendered according to him "yeoman service" during the past year, the Grand Z. enumerates his visits throughout his jurisdiction. His dispensations while few in number dealt solely with administrative matters. Appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives are reported, while among his visitations beyond Saskatchewan, he refers to the Conferenc of Canadian Grand Chapters held in Ottawa and expressed his regret, that owing to illness he had been unable to attend our Toronto Convocation. We, too, regret that he was unable to be with us. M. Ex. Comp. Nunn closes a spirited address with a graceful tribute to the Fraternal Dead.

We are always interested in financial matters and note with more than passing interest that receipts were in excess of expenditures with a total worth of $6501.44 as shown by the Grand Treasurer's report.

The Grand Scribe E's report is indicative of a year of activity, interest and advancement with an increase in membership of 163 and this despite heavy loss of 104 though death and other causes.

At this juncture the roll was called of Grand Representatives thirty-four answering the call. As usual we were well represented by M. Ex. Comp. Lorne Johnson, ever faithful, ever vigilant of the interests of the Grand Chapter whose commission he carries.

We note with pleasure that among others, the name of M. Ex. Comp. Dean appears as having been received into Honorary Membership, truly a friendly and neighbourly gesture.

We always enjoy a visit through the five Districts with the well-written and entertaining reports of the Grand Superintendents. From these we glean information that leads us to comment, "interest, enthusiasm and fraternal good-will abounds".

All of the Committee Reports attract our attention. We enjoyed reading the Condition of Capitular Masonry, Fraternal Correspondence, while from a most impressive report on the Fraternal Dead, we extract these lines.—

> "This world has many changes,
> But one thing changes never
> The memory of those happy days
> When we were all together.'

Walter E. Bristowe was elected and formally installed as Grand Z., the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E. continue in their respective offices. Prince Albert was selected as the next place of meeting.

Alex Solitt represents Saskatchewan near our Grand Chapter while as already noted we are capably represented in Saskatchewan by Lorne Johnson.

SCOTLAND

Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey—Grand Z.

George A. Howell—Grand Scribe E.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland meets in Edinburgh in Quarterly Convocations.

Quarterly held September 17, 1948 with the Grand Z on the throne.

Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in full form after which written apologies for non-attendance were read. The appointment of a Grand Superintendent for Tasmania was confirmed.

After disposing of routine business the First Grand Principal in eulogistic terms referred to fifty years service as an office-bearer of the Grand Scribe E.—M. Ex. Comp. George A. Howell, and then proceeded to unveil an oil painting of Comp. Howell. He also presented the Grand Scribe E with a cheque for Mrs. Howell. The recipient responded in suitable terms.

Quarterly Committee meeting held December 3rd. 1948.

The fiscal report for the year was presented and a perusal of this document leaves little doubt as to the satisfactory financial

status of Surpeme Grand Chapter. Charters were granted to three new Chapters, one of which is located in New South Wales.

Recommendations were made for the holding of the Vernal Equinox celebration on March 21-1949.

Quarterly Convocation was held December 17, 1948 with the First Grand Principal in the chair. After the formal opening M. Ex. Comp. Olding from New Zealand was presented and fraternally received. Grand Chapter confirmed the date recommended for the Vernal Equinox banquet, accepted a tender for catering, and set the price of tickets at 15 shillings. This we note is exclusive of wines. After transacting administrative business Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

Quarterly Committee meeting held February 19, 1949.

At this meeting nominations for election to office for the ensuing year were received. It is noteworthy that Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey was again the choice for the office of Grand Z.

The reports of the various Grand Superintendents were very interesting, these included such far off outposts as British Guiana, South Africa and the Cape of Good Hope.

Quarterly Convocation held March 4, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. R. H. T. Moncreiff presiding.

Among the visitors was A. McD. Hannah the Grand Representative of Scotland near the Grand Chapter of Canada. A warm welcome was tendered Comp. Hannah who said he was proud to again visit his Mother Country, and to represent Canada.

After the usual routine buiness the election of officers took place, as already noted M. Ex. Comp. Barclay-Harvey was unanimously elected Grand Z, and the entire line of officers as recommended by the Supreme Committee were returned to office without opposition.

Grand Chapter closed in Ample Form.

Canada is represented in Scotland by the Earl of Lauderdale, while as already mentioned A. McD. Hannah is Scotland's representative near our Grand Chapter.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Hugh N. Layne—Grand High Priest.

D. Frank Hart—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—31, Membership—3,403, Gain—297.

The One Hundred & Thirty-Sixth Annual Convocation held in Aiken, April 20, 1949 with M. Ex. Comp. Layne presiding.

Five Past Grand High Priests and twenty-six Grand Representatives were in attendance and received a warm fraternal greeting. High ranking officers from Associate Bodies were presented at the Altar and welcomed with the usual honors. These included the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, the Grand Master of Grand Council and M. Wor. Bro. James F. Risher, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, nor must we overlook the presence of M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Flintoff Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia who was also fittingly received.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Layne proves to be a most readable document. It is eloquently written and inspirational in character. Following his introductory remarks the Grand High Priest speaks of the high honor and responsibility of presiding over Grand Chapter but let us quote a few sentences from this section of his address.

> "One year ago you entrusted me with the high honor and responsibility of presiding over Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction. In death the humble and meek take their places beside the mighty and the great. The poet Bryant has said: 'Thou shalt lie down with the patriarchs of the infant world—with kings, The powerful of the earth—the wise, the good . . .' Yet rare are the occasions when the names of those who walk quietly in the valley and lowly places are recorded on the pages of history along with those who have scaled the highest peaks of success and have doubly endeared themselves to the hearts of their countrymen."

In a brief but impressive reference to the Fraternal Dead, he pays special tribute to the memory of M. Ex. Comp. H. M. Hucky whose death was a great loss to the Capitular Craft.

An encouraging commentary on conditions throughout the jurisdiction follows. Dispensations were few and purely routine. No decisions were sought during the year. He lists a number of appointments as Grand Representatives and enumerates his of-

ficial visitations. Among the recommendations made is one to establish a certificate of merit to be awarded to one companion in each chapter as a recognition of an outstanding contribution to Royal Arch Masonry. This rather appeals to us as a means of rewarding faithful companions who do not aspire to high office. The address concludes with this thoughtful comment.

> "As Royal Arch Masons, worthwhile tasks await us and we must be zealous in the promotion of such noble and glorious work"

The Grand Treasurer's report indicates a sound financial position with assets totalling to $28,707.00.

A. Frank Hart's report as Grand Secretary has as its high-light a gain of 297 in membership. It is interesting to note that along with his report he brought the cash book of Grand Chapter which has been in continuous use for 100 years.

From the report on Necrology we extract this beautiful thought.

> "As the sun at eventide leaves a lingering light which brightens the day long after it has passed from our sight, so they have left a lingering light to brighten our lives though they have passed from our sight. And we are heartened by our memories of them and their faith."

The review of Capitular Masonry is from the capable pen of Henry F. Collins. While he does not preface the report with a Foreword we have carefully read and thoroughly enjoyed his reviews.

Canada receives courteous treatment at his hands, he covers our 1948 Convocation in a friendly manner, with extracts from our Grand Z's address a reference to our Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund and other phases of our meeting. We may say for his benefit that our Benevolent Fund was completely successful. We finally reached a substantial amount far in excess of our objective of $50,000. We appreciate his reference to our last review and assure him that we have enjoyed reading his report.

Hugh N. Layne continues in office as Grand High Priest as, also, does O. Frank Hart as Grand Secretary. Chester was selected as the next place of meeting.

Herbert F. Thomson is South Carolina's representative in Canada. At this writing there has been no appointment to fill the vacancy in our representation in South Carolina.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Wm. M. Sonday—Grand High Priest.

Elvin F. Strain—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—33, Membership—3,251, Gain—201.

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Convocation held at Aberdeen October 26, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Sonday presiding.

Following the opening ceremonies the flags of the United States and Canada were presented under a colorful escort of Knights Templar.

Past Grand High Priests present numbered thirteen while seventeen jurisdictions were represented by their Grand Representatives. Distinguished guests were ushered in and received a warm fraternal welcome. These included delegations from the Grand Chapters of Iowa, North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba. Associate bodies represented were General Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Knights Templar and Grand Lodge. It is always of interest to note the presence of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

After an address of welcome by the Mayor of Aberdeen, the Grand High Priest delivered his annual address. Following his introductory remarks M. Ex. Comp. Sonday spoke sympathetically of the Fraternal Dead and then enumerated his visitations. These were numerous and from the written report leaves the reader with the thought that interest, enthusiasm and good-will abound among the constituent chapters. Definitely the Grand High Priest is no slacker when it comes to the performance of that phase of his duty which expects him to mingle with and assist his companions of the various chapters.

Among his appointments to the Corps of Grand Representatives we note the selection of Webster McCoin and feel sure that our commission will be safe in his hands

Dispensations were few in number and relatively unimportant. After a reference to the seven Schools of Instruction, the Grand High Priest under the heading of "Condition of the Craft" spoke of his experiences in journeying through the jurisdiction. While he

found one or two chapters that proved disappointing generally speaking his report was in a very optimistic vein.

This splendid address concludes with a glowing tribute to the Grand Secretary and other officers for their assistance. We quote the poetic lines which bring the address to a close.

"I'd like to think when life is done,
That I have filled a needed post.
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk and boast.
That I had taken gifts divine
The breath of life and manhood fine;
And tried to use them now and then,
In service for my fellow men."

We are always interested in the Grand Treasurer's report. Receipts $4684,00, expenses $4364.00, cash on hand $4503.00 with investments of $5000.00 provide a story that should be comforting to our friends of South Dakota.

The Grand Secretary's report is also very encouraging. The outstanding feature of course is a net increase in membership of 201. Deaths and demitted members total 105.

The reports of the Grand King and Grand Scribe are both interesting and illuminative.

It is noteworthy that while many chapters recorded an increase of 10% or more, that St. George's chapter headed the list with a net gain of 200%. Such an achievement is worthy of the recognition accorded the officers of this chapter by the High Priest.

Robert S. Hart, P.G.H.P. presented a review of sixty-one volumes of proceedings. As usual he offers an inspiring message. His comparison between American, British and Canadian practice and procedure is quite interesting. Particular mention is made of the practice in the United States of having the officers move forward each year. In Canada the officers of a constituent chapter usually advance each year. In Grand Chapter, however, the officers below the rank of Grand Third Principal hold office for one year. The selection of a Grand Third Principal is usually made from the Committee Chairmen who have served on our Grand Executive Committee. Once elected Grand Third Principal except in very unusual circumstances, the companion serves two years and then advances without contest to Grand Second and Grand First Prin-

cipal serving a two year term in each office. Thus when assuming the chair, he has had at least four years experience which fits him to take office with a full knowledge of his tasks and responsibilities.

May we say to Comp. Hart that his report is decidedly unique and commands and holds attention from start to finish. Congratulations Most Excellent Sir.

Having been elected Byron S. Payne was formally installed as Grand High Priest. Elvin F. Strain continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened October 25, 1948.

D. C. Patmore carries South Dakota's commission in Canada while as already noted our representative in South Dakota is the newly appointed Webster McCoin.

TENNESSEE

John Threadgill Stewart—Grand High Priest.

T. E. Doss—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—71, Membership—10,945, Gain—825.

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Convocation held in Nashville January 24, 1949.

Following the opening ceremonies the Grand High Priest directed that the distinguished visitors should be introduced, escorted to the East and received with Grand Honors.

Represented were the Grand Chapters of Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and North Carolina. Also present were leaders of the General Grand Chapter, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Stewart covers in a limited space the whole gamut of the year's work. Topically arranged it proves to be a carefully worded report, which carries considerable reader interest. After a gracious salutation to those present the Grand High Priest paid impressive tribute to the Fraternal Dead with a special reference to the great loss sustained by Grand Chapter in the passing of Past Grand High Priests William H. Dudley and

Angus G. Bowen. Then follows a comment on his many visitations including a detailed report on his attendance to the New York Convocation of General Grand Chapter. Two new Chapters were dedicated, and a dispensation issued for the formation of a third. Five other dispensations were granted covering routine matters.

Among his recommendations is one to increase the mileage rate to eight cents per mile one way, while the per diem be eight dollars per day.

The address concludes with a commentary on the splendid service rendered by the Grand Secretary and other officers during the term.

From the Grand Secretary's report we glean the following information. Receipts $16,373.00. Disbursements $11,976.00. Cash on hand $18,309.00 with investments in Government Bonds totalling $27,500.00.

The report of the Grand Secretary indicates an increase of 1178 members with losses of 353—leaving a net gain of 825.

An interesting feature of Tennessee's proceedings is the biographical sketches of the Past Grand High Priests. Each year a given number is selected and a historical record of the Past Grand High Priests is published which in a way really becomes a history of Grand Chapter.

The report on Correspondence is again the product of the pen of J. I. Walker P. G. H. P. Of all of the proceedings that reach this correspondent for review none proves more interesting than those of Tennessee.

From a sparkling "Foreword" we extract the following—

> "Today, numerical gains are recorded everywhere, progress is being made and our faith in the sound philosophy of life as taught in our great fraternity is still unshaken—still we hear from the sages of Masonry—what of the future, and no one knows the answer."

We are constrained to also quote these words—

> "Hail guest! we ask not what thou art,
> If friend, we greet thee hand and heart;
> If stranger, such no longer be;
> If foe, our love will conquer thee."

The Foreword closes with a friendly reference to the Knights of the Round Table. May we say to friend Walker that the Report

on Correspondence of Tennessee always provides a sedative to a tired mind and makes the labor of reviewing a pleasant task indeed.

And now with avidity we turn to the review of Canada. Generous and friendly is our comment. Liberal quotations from this writer's address of welcome, from our Grand Z's address combined with note and comment on our various activities feature the review. We tender sincere thanks to our contemporary in Tennessee for his kindly treatment of Canada.

Granville V. Elmore was elected and installed into the high and important office of Grand High Priest. The office of Grand Secretary as to be expected continues in the most capable hands of T. E. Doss. It is interesting to note that the ceremonies of installation were in charge of our very good friend Earl E. Dusenbery, the General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada is faithfully represented in Tennessee by R. K. Roney Sr., while Tennessee's interests near our Grand Chapter are carefully guarded by the recently appointed Grand Representative Chas. Fotheringham.

TEXAS

Curtis B. Hay—Grand High Priest.

Frank Oldham—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—218, Membership—38,741, Gain—2,759.

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Convocation held November 29th 1948 in the City of Waco with M. Ex. Comp. Hay presiding.

After the ceremonial opening prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. A beautiful basket of flowers was placed in the Grand East to commemorate the passing of 499 Royal Arch Masons of the jurisdiction during the capitular year.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests and forty Grand Representatives answered the roll-call and were formally received. It is noted that John J. Ray the Grand Old Man of Masonry was welcomed and a fitting tribute paid to his life-long service to the Craft.

The annual address of M. Ex. Comp. Hay was a splendidly compiled report on the year's labor in the quarries of the Royal Craft. After a perusal of this excellent report one is impressed with the business-like manner in which the Grand High Priest discharged his manifold duties.

After a friendly word of greeting and a brief comment on the results achieved during the year, he referred in sympathetic terms to the Fraternal Dead after which he announced a number of changes in the Corps of Grand Representatives and dealt with numerous administrative matters. As evidence of the activity of the Royal Arch, five new chapters were instituted during the previous twelve months. Dispensations were few in number and of no particular interest to others than the chapters affected. Five pages are devoted to a detailed reference to the Grand High Priest's visitations, all of which appeared to be of an interesting character. Again we comment on the meritorious work being carried on by the Craftsmen of Texas in the operation of the Home for Aged Masons. Of this M. Ex. Comp. Hay has this to say:

> "This Home for Aged Masons is our real objective and without a worthy objective, no Order or Fraternity can exist very long, and I feel that our undertaking is one that comes first in the hearts and minds of the Masons of Texas."

How true these words. Texas stands forth as an outstanding exponent of true Christian and Masonic charity.

Among the recommendations is one to prohibit subordinate chapters from issuing more than two Life Memberships in any one year. This recommendation was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and later ratified by Grand Chapter.

After a commentary on the co-operative spirit of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the Grand High Priest brought to a close a highly illuminative address.

Finances in Texas are on a sound basis, as evidence they have a General Fund of $74,099.00, a Permanent Fund of $55,446.00 and total assets in the Home for Aged Masons amounting to $1,493.-056.00. This latter item is simply amazing to this correspondent and amply proves that Royal Arch Masonry in Texas justifies its existence.

The Grand Secretary's report is equally comprehensive and

leaves little doubt in the reader's mind as to the strong position of Grand Chapter both financially and numerically. With losses totalling 1,655 from death and other causes, the net increase in membership reached the comforting total of 2,759.

From a most impressive report on "Obituary" we extract the following beautiful thought:

> " 'Something to do.' How significant! How important! The operative Mason must and should be busy, else he is not properly called a Mason. Likewise, the speculative Mason should be busy. Activity is essential to a well-ordered and successful life. Love for speculative Masonry increases as knowledge of its principles and truths is obtained. Further, the active and busy Mason is the appreciated and valued Mason. He not only bears the name and wears the insignia of a Mason, but is one whose activities in the fraternity enable him to honor God, to revere His revealed truth, and to be a blessing to mankind."

During the Second Session the following distinguished Craftsmen were presented, introduced and fraternally welcomed with Grand Honors, M. Wor. Bro. H. K. Jackson, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Texas, the Grand Master of Grand Council and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar.

The address of Grand Orator Briscol was a gem, one which this correspondent read and re-read because it was heavily studded with truisms and carried a timely warning with respect to the subversive influences which are aimed at our social system, indeed our way of life and this applies with equal effect in Canada well as in the United States. We quote a meagre excerpt from this powerful address:

> "You know if there is anything certain in this uncertain world it is the old truths. This is one thing, I think, that appeals to all of us in Masonry, is that the Masonic principles do not change. Truth, integrity, charity, and all of the others, they are the same today as they were 100 years ago, and we know it. To Masons the same thing that a man had to do 200 years ago to be considered an honest man he has to do today."

R. Lee Joiner again brings the Capitular Review and as usual commands our very deep interest. His Foreword is a literary treat. Despite the need for a conservation of space we are constrained to quote this paragraph:

> "There is much comment upon the fact that this world of ours is still confused and vacillating in its efforts to promote universal peace and universal understanding, while a simple recourse to the Book of all Books, and a sincere effort to follow the precepts laid down therein, and so constantly reiterated in our Masonic degrees, would furnish a solution that would be both effective and permanent. In the midst of this confusion Masonry

stands as a high-powered radio transmitter, sending its signals throughout the world, reaching to its utmost heights and penetrating to its lowest depths, being barred by neither Iron Curtains, steel nor concrete, its program capable of being understood in every language and clime, and by all people whose hearts are tuned to the wave length of reverence for God and love for our fellow men."

To the closing paragraph of his Foreword in which he has many kind things to say of his fellow-correspondents, we should like to say that the inspiration and encouragement does not all flow from other jurisdictions toward Texas, but, is entirely reciprocal and Texas provides a Capitular Review that we all strive to emulate.

In turning to the review of Canada we find with pleasure that we have received a double portion as both our 1947 and 1948 Convocations have been generously treated. Liberal extracts from the addresses of our Grand Z's and our address of Welcome to the visitors are noted. Nothing of import seems to have escaped his scrutiny. He even finds space for extracts from our previous reviews all of which adds to our pleasure in reviewing Texas. With no desire to establish a "mutual admiration society," we should like to say that we received the program of the special gathering to honor Comp. Ray and much appreciated Comp. Joiner's thoughtfulness in sending this along. As we pen these lines we find our thoughts wandering somewhat far afield and as we think of the compensation for years of Masonic labor, we pass up all the honors that our-too-indulgent brethren and companions have placed upon our shoulders and measure our reward in terms of friendships, that we have established. Each is a link in our golden chain, one of which bears the name of R. Lee Joiner.

C. S. Wodward was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. Frank Oldham as to be expected continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened November 29, 1948.

Canada is honored by having Temple Morrow as our Grand Representative in Texas while the interests of Texas are carefully guarded in Canada by W. E. Gowling.

UTAH

Fred E. Ray—Grand High Priest.

Bert Atwater—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—6, Membership—1234, Gain—21.

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Convocation held at Ogden June 9th with the Grand High Priest presiding.

After the opening ceremonies and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, thirteen Past Grand High Priests and twenty-three Grand Representatives were called to the Altar and graciously welcomed by M. Ex. Comp. Ray.

Distinguished visitors included rulers of the Grand Commandery, Grand Council, the Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge of Utah. All were formally welcomed and received the usual honors.

The address of the Grand High Priest had much to commend it. In the first place it was short and pithy and much of the tiresome detail usually found in such addresses was noticeable by its absence. In the second place, he covered much ground in a very entertaining manner and in a very limited space. After a sincere welcome to all present and a comment on the year's work he proceeded to tender thanks to those who had been so generous in assisting him during the year.

Reference was made to his visit to the Grand Chapter of Colorado, also, to the instituting of a new chapter in Utah, the first by the way for twenty-five years.

Appointments, dispensations and decisions were briefly recorded and brought to a close the report on the year's activities.

The Grand King's report indicates that he visited many chapters throughout the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer indicates finances as sound with receipts exceeding disbursements while the Grand Secretary furnished a comprehensive review of the membership situation. It appears that the increase for the past five years has been 232 which is no doubt encouraging to the companions of Utah.

The report on Necrology by John Edward Carver was most impressive, beautifully written and couched in lofty terms. From this comforting address we extract the following:

> "I shot an arrow into the air,
> It fell to earth, I know not where;
> For so swiftly it flew, the sight
> Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song.

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend."

From the report on Foreign Correspondence, we learn that fifty-one of the sixty-six Capitular Jurisdictions have a membership of 600,000.

Following the election of officers Geo. F. Meissner was declared and duly installed as Grand High Priest. In reading his Masonic record, we are impressed with the wealth of experience that he brings to his new and exalted office. Utah should show marked progres under such leadership. Bert Atwater, of course, continues in the administrative office which he fills so capably.

Park City was selected as the next place of meeting.

The Order of High Priesthood convened February 23, 1948.

Herman L. Bauer is Canada's representative in Utah, while V. M. Hare represents Utah near our Grand Chapter.

VICTORIA

Walter Kemp—Grand Z.

H. O. Thomas—Grand Scribe E.

Chapters—90, Membership—7,542, Gain—564.

Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter held in Melbourne, July 16, 1947 with M. Ex. Comp. Kemp on the Throne.

After the ceremonial opening and the singing of the National Anthem the roll of Grand Representatives was called and twenty-eight responded.

Routine reports were received and dealt with. Among other matters to come up for consideration was a Notice of Motion to delete the M.E.M. Degree from the ritualistic work. This notice was withdrawn and apparently the Most Excellent Degree remains.

Quarterly October 15th, with the Grand Z presiding—the quarterly reports again occupied the attention of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Z in his communication referred to splendid service being rendered by the Grand Chapter Choir.

Quarterly January 21, 1948—M. Ex. Comp. Kemp in the Chair. Following the customary administrative reports the Grand Z's communication was read. From this we excerpt the following:

> "My companions, the great end and aim of every right thinking man in this world of ours is to obtain his greatest happiness in uniting with others of similar thoughts, aims, and aspirations, and striving to accomplish that end in common with the other members and fellow-workers, and so extending to a greater and ever greater number that happiness and well-being which they themselves have obtained through overcoming the difficulties which are inseparable from the effort involved in doing good, promoting order, diffusing light and knowledge, and in cultivating charity to all our fellow creatures."

At this Convocation nominations for the various offices were received. M. Ex. Comp. Kemp was the sole nominee for the office of Grand First Principal and was duly declared unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

Quarterly April 21, 1948 with the Grand Z presiding. It is of interest to note that the Grand Scribe E. lists the "Apologies" received for the non-attendance of various members. As we have remarked in previous reviews this is entirely foreign to the practice in Canada where seldom does an absentee accord Grand Chapter the courtesy of an apology. This is something that we may well learn from our Companions in Victoria.

From the Grand Z's address we learn that petitions for the formation of four new chapters had been received.

A perusal of the Financial Statement impresses one with the thought that finances are in a sound and comforting position. Total assets being approximately $25,000.00, this includes cash on hand and investments in Government Bonds.

At this Convocation the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria and a representative of the First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia were introduced and received with the customary Grand Honors.

M. Ex. Comp. Kemp was duly proclaimed and greeted as the Grand Z for the ensuing year.

The installation and investiture of the other officers of Grand Chapter followed.

Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

S. G. Newdick carries Victoria's commission in Canada, while our representative in Victoria is Allan Grant.

VIRGINIA

Paul Sigourney—Grand High Priest.

James N. Hillman—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—75, Membership—15,586, Gain—873

The One Hundred and Forty-First Annual Convocation held in Richmond October 26, 1948 under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. Sigourney.

After Grand Chapter had been opened in Solemn Form and the Flag had been presented at the Altar a numerous array of distinguished guests were introduced, these included rulers of the Royal Craft from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, South Carolina, District of Columbia, West Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware and Maine. These were followed by the M. Wor. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. All of whom were fittingly received with the customary Grand Honors. The introduction of these visitors by the Past Grand High Priests of Virginia provides very entertaining reading.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and thirty-six Grand Representatives were presented and officially recognized by the Grand High Priest.

The report of M. Ex. Comp. Sigourney establishes somewhat of a record, not alone for its brevity, but for the abridged manner in which he records his official acts. Beautifully written one is impressed with the great amount of material condensed in readable form within a few short pages. Prefacing his report with a gracious welcome to all present he spoke sorrowfully of the Fraternal Dead with a special tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priests J. W. S. Butt and O. C. Hope.

After an optimistic reference to conditions throughout the jurisdictions he named appointments to the Corps of the Grand Representatives, and paid glowing tribute to the splendid support he received from the various officers of Grand Chapter. A perusal of his dispensations indicates that all were routine as also was the one decision he was called upon to make. Visitations are enumerated without detail, or comment. We note his visit to our Grand Chapter, and should like to say that we were delighted to have him with us. Among his recommendations is one to appropriate Five Hundred Dollars as a contribution to the Turner Memorial Chapel at the Masonic Home. This very enjoyable report concludes with these words.—

> "None of the ills of the world has been cured and no remedy found for the unrest of our country or the world. The only thing that I can point to is that peace and harmony prevail within our Grand Chapter and that 'Friendship, Union and Fervency and Zeal' are on a high plane throughout the jurisdiction."

Following the lead of the Grand High Priest the Grand Treasurer's report is also brief. Revenue in excess of disbursements with substantial investments in Government Bonds and some $11,230.00 in the Hubard Memorial Loan Fund. From the report of the Trustees of the Masonic Foundation we note the investment in this humanitarian project amounts to the amazing total of $232,700.00. This should prove an inspiration to other Grand Bodies who have made little, or no effort to put into practice the cardinal virtue of our great brotherhood.

The report of the Grand Secretary is also very illuminating, recording an increase of 873 in membership with every Chapter in the jurisdiction having paid their fees in full.

A resolution was adopted to provide funds for two scholarships to be awarded children of the Masonic Home. Just another evidence that the Companions of Virginia take their Masonry seriously.

We extract the final paragraph from the report of the Committee of Past Grand High Priests. Speaking of M. Ex. Comp. Sigourney the report concludes as follows.—

> "With the application of sound judgment, brotherly fellowship, and dependable vision, he has made a wholesome contribution to the advancement of Masonic truth. Virginia Masonry in general, and the Royal Craft in particular, are immeasurably indebted to him for a fine service, courageously and efficiently rendered."

The address of the many visitors are recorded verbatim, and carries much reader interest.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is again the product of that brilliant and gifted Correspondent E. Fenno Heath P.G.H.P., his twenty-second by the way. Companion Heath's record and experience make this writer feel as a veritable tyro in the matter of Fraternal Reviews. We note a reference to the state of his health, and hasten to express the hope that since writing his report he has been restored to full health and vigor. His Foreword is at once friendly and encouraging. This is what he has to say.—

> "We continue in the faith, that our Masonic institution in all its branches will continue to grow and bear fruit worthily and abundantly in spite of adverse circumstances, which confront and surround it from time to time. We do not believe that recessions and depressions are ever necessary, at least Masonically speaking. Our experience over many years has convinced us, that Masonry is somewhat like the "old time religion" — it is good for any person, any nation, any race, and any sort of economic situation."

This splendid Foreword closes with these words to which we add a fervent Amen.—

> "We greet once more our Companions of the Round Table and thank them all for the cordial consideration, which they have given our efforts in years past. May the future hold even greater things in store for our beloved fraternity than it has ever experienced in the past. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to us all His presence, protection, and blessing!"

And now we turn to his review of Canada. To say that we have been most generously treated would be but a mild expression of our opinion. Nothing of interest seems to have escaped his scrutinizing eye. Note and comment on our various activities with liberal extracts from our Grand Z's address feature the review. We also desire to tender sincere thanks for his all-too-flattering reference to our last review.

As usual our stay by correspondence in Virginia has been a delightful pastime from the humdrum of every day life amid the disturbed conditions under which we labor today. Again thanks and congratulations on an outstanding report.

Following the election of officers Charles M. Flintoff was formally installed as Grand High Priest. It is surely unnecessary to add that James N. Hillman continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

F. L. Grimstead efficiently represents Canada in Virginia, while the popular Fred G. Smith is Virginia's representative near our Grand Chapter.

WASHINGTON

Harry J. Ahlers—Grand High Priest

Walter H. Steffey—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—51, Membership—9,037, Gain—614.

The Sixty-Fifth Annual Convocation held in Seattle May 20, 1949. Grand Chapter having been formally opened received the President of the Seattle City Council who welcomed Grand Chapter on behalf of the Civic Administration.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were in attendance while thirty-two Grand Representatives answered the roll-call. From the words of welcome of the Grand High Priest we quote the following which strongly appeals.

> "By the ties of this fraternal connection which you represent between sister jurisdictions we can cultivate with each other a more intimate and fraternal correspondence. Brotherly Love and Friendships which know no bounds may be strengthened among our Companions."

Eighteen pages of the proceedings are required to record M. Ex. Comp. Ahler's address, which by the way provides very interesting reading to the outsider with a limited knowledge of conditions within the jurisdiction of Washington.

In his opening remarks he expresses thanks for the honor conferred upon him and mentions that during his term he travelled 17,000 miles by car, train and air. We quote a line or two from this section of the address.—

> "Let us, as Grand officers and officers of the constituent Chapters, be ever diligent to inculcate into the minds of the most obscure and humble member a sense of being individually needed and individually called for, because in the final analysis, the acid test of the value of our Order in the Social, Religious, and Business of our State is, 'What it does to and for men as individuals'."

After extending a word of appreciation for the assistance rendered by the District Deputies and the Grand Secretary and a reverent reference to the Fraternal Dead, he announced the institution of a new chapter and listed the names of veterans of the Craft to

whom he presented Fifty Year Buttons. Visitations apparently played an important part in his year's work. These are all duly set forth and include a visit to our Sister Province of Vancouver.

Dispensations and rulings were many and varied but none of these could be classed as other than routine. Recommendations include an increase in the Per Capita Tax to $1.00 with fees for each degree increased to fifty cents. Also, it is recommended that the Grand High Priest's salary be established at $800.00 per annum. It is noted that Grand Chapter by resolution reduced the amount to $600.00 and established the Per Capita Tax as seventy-five cents with a charge of $1.00 for each degree. M. Ex. Comp. Ahlers closed an admirable address with a word in favor of his successor in office.

Visitors to the Convocation included representatives of the General Grand Chapter, the Scottish Rite, the Knights Templar, Grand Council and the following Grand Chapters—Oregon, Montana, and British Columbia. The reports of the District Deputy Grand High Priests prove most enlightening.

From the Grand Treasurer's report we learn that cash balance of Grand Chapter amounts to $$9,674.00 with investments with a par value of $8,000.00.

The Grand Secretary records an increase of 614 members with eight chapters recording an increase of twenty-five or more and all fees paid with the lone exception of one chapter. This should prove a very comforting report to the Companions of Washington.

We thoroughly enjoyed reading the address of Grand Orator C. M. Ward, from this literary treat we give you two brief extracts.—

> "Masonry came early to our shores; the exact time is uncertain; our historians differ; however we do know that the early immigrants to our country, lovers of freedom and liberty, brought with them their Masonic Altars and their Bibles, their Masonic love of freedom, their belief in the word of God, and their cherished philosophy of the brotherhood of man."
> "To maintain this strength and influence we must encourage by every legitimate means those of our friends and associates who are worthy to become one of us. With their help and that of the Great Architect above we can strengthen our efforts to interpret the meaning and importance of brotherly love and human understanding in a sorely troubled world."

Arnold H. Lynn writes the report on "Foreign" Correspondence, his first review and it is with pleasure that we welcome him to Fraternal Correspondent's Round Table. May we preface our remarks by tendering congratulations on a splendid report. He ap-

pears to have the happy faculty of separating the wheat from the chaff and presents the interesting high-lights of the various proceedings under review. While fifty-two jurisdictions have come under his scrutiny, Canada appears conspicuous by its absence. We shall look forward to next year in the hope that our Grand Chapter may be among those honored by his attention. Again Comp. Lynn congratulations.

Guy S. Rose was elected and duly installed as Grand High Priest. Walter H. Steffey carries on as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened April 19, 1949.

Andrew E. Solberg represents our jurisdiction in Washington. The commission of Washington is open at this writing owing to the lamented death of M. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price of Toronto who for sometime has served Washington as Grand Representative.

WEST VIRGINIA

Guy T. Mackay—Grand High Priest.

Wilson H. S. White—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—45, Membership—9,342, Gain—325.

The Seventy-Eighth Annual Convocation held in Clarksburg, October 11, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Mackay presiding.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-four Grand Representatives answered the roll call and were formally received.

Following the ceremonial opening of Grand Chapter an address of welcome was delivered on behalf of the companions of Clarksburg. But two visitors were received at this stage of the proceedings. They were a representative of the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania and M. Ex. Comp. D. P. Sigourney of Virginia both of whom were warmly greeted.

The address of the Grand High Priest is inspirational and indicative of a cultured mind. We are particularly impressed with the introductory remarks. From this eloquent dissertation we extract the following.—

"The mission of Royal Arch is, as is the mission of Masonry, to impress upon us the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of

man; to teach us that we are our brother's keeper; that the good of one is the good of all; that, even as we need our brother's care, so does he need ours. It teaches us self-reliance to press on in the paths of righteousness, overcoming all obstacles and braving every danger. It teaches us humility and reliance in God and reverence for His Holy Name."

From a graceful reference under the title of Necrology we quote the opening lines.—

"Long, long ago the gentle Galilean, standing at the sepulchre of Lazarus, spake these comforting words, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

A special tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand High Priest George M. Ford. This correspondent learns with profound regret of the death of that Grand Old Man of Masonry. For many years we have read his inspiring reports as Grand Secretary and feel that in his death that another of the tall timbers of Lebanon has fallen and Masonry as a whole has suffered a great loss.

After an encouraging report on the "Condition of the Craft" M. Ex. Comp. Mackey lists his dispensations. These were few in number and of no unusual interest. Visitations are all fully set forth in detail as, also, are his recommendations. Among these latter is one to change the name of Grand Chapter to the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia. It is noted that a motion to amend the Constitution and change the name was received. This was not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and was laid over for one year. The Grand High Priest concludes a masterly address with these words.—

"Let us hope for a return of a spiritual awakening among all people. Only through divine guidance can we hope for a lasting peace throughout the world; and peace and good will among all mankind will come about only when the Creator of all things puts his spirit into the hearts of all men."

From the very comprehensive report of the Grand Secretary we review a pen picture of general conditions throughout the jurisdiction. Six chapters recorded a net gain of 10% or better while Grand Chapter as a whole reports an increase of 325 in membership.

The Grand Treasurer's report also indicates a comfortable fiscal situation with receipts well in excess of disbursements and a total liquid worth of $13,410.00 an increase of $2,558.00 over the previous year.

During the Second Session the Deputy of the Scottish Rite and M. Wor. Bro. C. H. Troxell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

West Virginia were received and extended the courtesies of Grand Chapter.

From a brief but interesting report on "Foreign Correspondence" the following is of interest.—

> "We believe it would be for the best interests of the Craft universal to resume the custom of more extended and comprehensive reviews of the Grand Chapters with which we hold fraternal relations. Otherwise, we shall cease to keep the close ties that come from intimate knowledge of the work of Capitular Masonry everywhere." „

With this comment we heartily agree. Reviews of Sister Jurisdictions provide the silver cord that binds together the various far flung units of this world-wide organization. We trust that the recommendation of the committee in this regard will not go unheeded.

We find the report of the various district and other officers very entertaining. A perusal of these reports provide the reader with a better understanding of conditions of Royal Arch Masonry in West Virginia.

J. Irvin Dugan was elected and formally installed as Grand High Priest. Wilson H. S. White was re-elected Grand Secretary. The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a beautifully engraved watch which awakens a covetous spirit in this correspondent. However we must not forget the commandment which cautions us not to covet that which is thy neighbours. We, therefore, content ourselves by saying that the presentation of a watch is a nice gesture of good-will and appreciation.

Canada's representative in West Virginia is W. H. Cramblett while West Virginia's commission in Canada is the responsibility of Harry J. McCallum.

WISCONSIN

Carl F. Harpke—Grand High Priest.

W. A. Rowbottom—Grand Secretary.

Chapters—101, Membership—17,823, Gains—737.

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Convocation held in La Crosse, May 4th-5th, 1948 with M. Ex. Comp. Harpke in the chair.

Following the ceremonial of opening, eleven Past Grand High Priests and thirty Grand Representatives were received and formally greeted. We note with interest that our ever-faithful representative Oscar E. Peterson responded for Canada.

Distinguished guests were ushered in and fraternally welcomed. These included representatives from the Grand Chapters of Iowa and Minnesota. The General Grand Chapter, Royal and Select Masters, Grand Commandery, and the M. Wor. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

The colorful ceremony of presenting the United States flag under an escort of Knights Templars was duly observed.

Thirty pages of the proceedings are required to record the report of the Grand High Priest. This report complete in every detail provides a summarization of the year's work, leaving little to the imagination of the reader.

After a warm and sincere welcome to all present the Grand High Priest refers feelingly to the passing of three hundred and forty-three Companions with a special tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Clarence Hill. From this eloquent eulogy we quote.—

> "The Veil of the Holy of Holies has been lifted, and to them has been given the privilege of receiving the true Mysteries of Life which are never imparted to mortals on earth. They have broken our mystic chain, and have been summoned to their eternal reward."

Under the caption of "Condition of the Rite" M. Ex. Comp. Harpke states that the Craft shows extraordinary activity. Wisconsin for the fourth consecutive year records a healthy increase in membership. Of this the Grand High Priest has this to say.—

> "Yet, I feel that increase in membership or in exaltations alone is not our objective, for numbers do not necessarily represent a sign of strength. 'Quality rather than quantity' should be our motto."

To this terse comment this correspondent adds a fervent amen, as very often too much stress is laid on membership increases. We feel that if our Temple is to be strong and secure the greatest care should be exercised in the selection of the material with which we build.

After reviewing his appointments for the year reference is made to the "Three Fold Program" adopted last year. This con-

sists of 1/3rd Ritualistic Instruction, 1/3rd Masonic Advancement, and 1/3rd Masonic Education. From the report we learn that this program was most successful, the seed was dropped on fertile soil and is now bearing fruit.

Dispensations covered purely local and routine matters. Visitations are all fully set forth and clearly indicate that the Grand High Priest devoted much time to this phase of his duty.

After a glowing tribute to the service rendered by the officers of Grand Chapter he spoke at length on the "Future of the Craft." From this splendid dissertation we excerpt a line or two the sentiment of which meets with our hearty endorsation.—

> "Today is our day. We are not responsible for the Masonry of yesterday, but we are responsible for the Masonry of today and tomorrow. The past is a matter of record. It is for the future that we plan. You have the responsibility of keeping lit the Torch of Truth, and passing it to the coming generation with even greater brilliancy than when you received it."

This magnificent address closes with a full quotation of Josiah Gilbert Holland's poem the first few lines of which we quote.—

> "God give us men. The time demands
> Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands;
> Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
> Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy."

From the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary we find receipts far in excess of expenses, with sound investments amounting to $15,900.00. It is noteworthy that during the year 2,223—twenty-five and 19—fifty year membership cards were issued. This confirms the thought that Wisconsin has a strong "Old Guard" still active and interested.. Despite a loss of 528 from death and other causes Grand Chapter reports a net gain of 737 in membership.

We fain would quote generously from Comp. Gifford's report on Obituaries but lack of space prevents. This tribute to the Fraternal Dead is both eloquent and impressive. We extract the following.—

> "They are not lost who find
> The sunset gate, the goal
> Of all the weary years.
> Not lost are they who reach
> The summit of their climb,
> The peak, above the clouds
> And storms. They are not lost
> Who find the light of sun
> And stars and God.'

M. Ex. Comp. Rowbottom presents the Capitular Review and from his most inspirational "Foreword" we quote these all-to-true words.—

> "Royal Arch Masonry is an integral part of the entire Masonic structure, a thorough understanding of which is most essential to those who seek membership therein, that they may be the better enabled to display, in their daily lives, the fundamental doctrines of Free Masonry — The Fatherhood of God; the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul. 'Learn first that you may be able to teach.' A real builder of Character, Masonry furnishes the tools and implements whereby its members may continue to erect, within themselves, a Spiritual Temple, and show by their daily lives, that its influence is ONLY for good."

Canada's 1947 Convocation is carefully reviewed, for which we tender sincere thanks. May we say to Comp. Rowbottom that as usual we have thoroughly enjoyed our brief sojourn in Wisconsin through the medium of the proceedings and his "reviews."

William W. Burns was elected and formally installed Grand High Priest. Ward A. Rowbottom continues as Grand Secretary.

The Order of High Priesthood convened at the close of Grand Chapter.

Canada is represented in Wisconsin by our good friend Oscar E. Peterson whom we have been privileged to have with us on one or two occasions.

The commission of Wisconsin in Canada is vacant at this writing due to lamented death of the veteran William J. Wadsworth of Toronto.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr. J. L. Rossiter—First Grand Principal.

A. W. B. Gleadell—Deputy First Grand Principal.

H. C. Anderson—Grand Scribe E.

Western Australia does not distribute proceedings with the result that we have little before us to review. Thanks to the Canadian representative of Western Australia R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Shaw, we are again furnished with interesting material and we are most happy to include his contribution in our Annual Review.

Royal Arch Masonry in Western Australia continues to grow in numbers, three thousand or more being on the records at our last report. The numbers of Chapters also continue to show a satisfactory increase, in many cases these being in the far out-lying portions of this huge territory.

The practice in Western Australia is similar to that in the Old Land. When a Chapter attains a membership of sixty or more it is considered too large, and the members are encouraged to form a new Chapter. When a Lodge reaches the figure of one hundred, the same procedure is followed. The aim is to put it within the range of possibility of every Companion of merit to have the opportunity of proceeding through the chairs and thus fulfilling his Masonic desires.

At the Quarterly Convocation held in May last, just before Dr. Rossiter left for a six months' visit to England and Canada, he spoke on the subject of Good Citizenship. He suggested three directions in which this should be shown—loyalty to principles, sharing with the unfortunate, and accept responsibility for a job and see it through.

Dr. Rossiter was re-elected for his sixth term in June, while he was in Great Britain, and Most Em. Comp. A. W. B. Gleadell, Deputy First Grand Principal, expressed the wishes of all, that Dr. Rossiter could have this honour as long as he would accept it. He is also Provincial Prior of Western Australia under the Sovereign Great Priory of England, Wales and Dependencies, Knights Templar; being installed just before he left Perth.

Dr. Rossiter arrived in Canada on October 1st last, and has visited a number of our Chapters, having seen the various Degrees conferred, and has made numerous notes of the differences in the two Jurisdictions; some of which he approves and some of which he thinks they do better. He has been the guest of our Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts at Ottawa for several days, and is high in his praise of the numerous courtesies shown him while there. He, also, was a visitor to Hamilton and during his stay was entertained by M. Ex. Comp. Stephens. The Grand Second and Third Principals, R. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw and J.A.M. Taylor, and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Johnson, also contributed their quota towards making Dr. Rossiter's visit to

Canada a memorable one. He returned to England on January 2nd, and will sail for Australia very shortly thereafter.

His visit has undoubtedly drawn the two Jurisdictions nearer to each other, has given each a better understanding of the other's problems, and has cleared up the causes of some of the differences in the interpretation of the Work. In Western Australia there are still Chapters operating under the Grand Chapters of England, of Scotland, and of Ireland; and it is the hope that they may all be united in the common cause at some not-too-distant date.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Western Australia is W. H. Berry, Honourary Past Grand Third Principal, who resides in Wembley Park; while the Representative of Western Australia is W. J. Shaw, of Hamilton.

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